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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, third from left, cuts the ribbon officially dedicating the Chikasha House . Chickasha House will provide a "home away from home" for families of long-term patients at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. The facility is located on the Medical Center campus. From left, tribal legislators Shana Tate Hammond and Nancy Elliott, Medical Center board chairman Wayne Roark, Gov. Anoatubby, tribal legislator Toby Perkins, ambassador Neal McCaleb, Secretary of Health Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chikasha House staff members Dakota Brown, chaplin Randy Wade,Carrie Futicha, Olivia Smith and Rebecca Lamb.

Mike McKee

Chikasha House 'home away from home' for patient families

ADA, Okla. – Families traveling long distances to seek medical care at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center now have an innovative lodging option.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and dozens of Chickasaw citizens and community members officially dedicated Chikasha House July 22.

Chikasha House, located on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center campus at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, offers relief to families visiting long-term patients at the medical center.

Chikasha House is available as a "home away from home" for family members of patients experiencing extended hospital stays.

"Caring for our families is always a top priority," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The Chikasha House was designed to offer affordable, convenient and relaxing lodging to family members of patients who are far from home. We believe the Chikasha House can help bring peace of mind to patients and their loved ones facing this difficult situation."

The Chikasha House is comprised of two 2,342 square-foot

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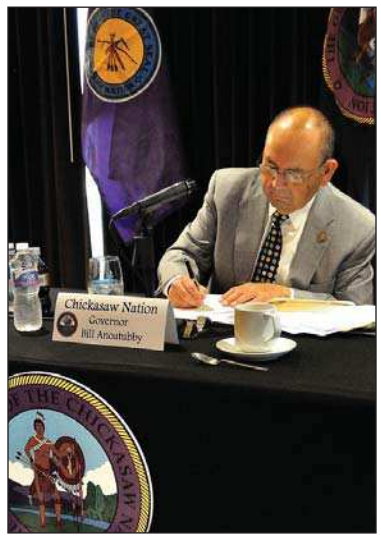
Leaders of Five Tribes gather at Chickasaw Nation's Artesian Hotel for Intertribal Council

SULPHUR, Okla. – The grandeur of the Chickasaw Nation's new Artesian Hotel greeted leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes and dozens of Indian attendees at the quarterly Intertribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes meeting July 11-12.

The official Artesian grand opening is August 2, but leaders of the Five Tribes enjoyed a special preview of the new facility. The new hotel, tribal leaders agreed, was representative of the progress tribes have made in positive economic development.

Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle said it was a source of pride to see the Five Tribes creating jobs and making a positive contribution to the economy.

"The Chickasaws are really to be commended," Chief Pyle said.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby takes notes during July's Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes at the Chickasaw Nation's new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Okla.

Governor Bill Anoatubby noted that construction of the

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Store is 8th owned, operated by Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaw Travel Stop opens in Davis

DAVIS, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby said the tribe's newest travel stop will complement many other attractions in the area as the tribe continues to embark upon major economic enterprise venues in Murray County, Okla.

Gov. Anoatubby was joined by dozens of employees and local officials July 24 for a ribbon cutting ceremony opening the newest Chickasaw Travel Stop at exit 55 off I-35 in Murray County.

Murray County was the location where the Chickasaw Nation purchased its first business, had its offices and "we even had our own water tower," Gov. Anoatubby told an overflow audience Tuesday

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New Softball Complex dedicated July 8 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation dedicated a new 12-acre softball facility in Ada on July 8.

The Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said, fulfills a real need for area Chickasaw families.

"The opening of this complex marks a milestone in the Chickasaw Nation's on-going wellness efforts," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Gov. Anoatubby was joined by a host of tribal dignitaries to open the facility.

"This complex will serve as a venue for Chickasaw families to play and stay healthy together," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Health and wellness are very important to our tribe. We like

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units. Each unit offers four bedrooms, sitting area and a private bathroom.

Amenities also include a dining and refreshment area, living room areas, a game room, laundry facilities, a state-of-the art security and surveillance system and safe room.

The Chikasha House also features two serenity gardens, patios and playground area.

A grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Block Grant program and matching tribal funds combined to construct the facility.

Chickasaw Nation Health accommodates more than 400,000 patients each year in the state-of-the-art 370,000 square-foot Medical Center in Ada, and health clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell. The system also operates three nutrition centers, three wellness centers and a diabetes care center.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

New *Times format* coming in October

You will soon begin receiving the Chickasaw Times as a broadsheet newspaper.

Broadsheet, or larger, form is a traditional style for newspapers. For generations, virtually all newspapers were broadsheets. Most general circulation daily newspapers utilize the broadsheet format. Many weekly newspapers, shopper publications and specialty magazines are published in tabloid format. The tabloid is the format in which the Times has been presented for many years.

The new broadsheet format offers a much larger "template" for the Times editor and designer. It allows for use of more eye-appealing elements and cuts down on "jumps," those articles that are continued on another page.

When you open up your October Chickasaw Times, the measurement from your left hand to your right will be 24 inches. This measurement is known as the newspaper's "web width." That refers to the width of the newspaper as it is run through the printing press. It is known as a "web" because it resembles a spider web. The web width of the Times in tabloid format is 20 inches.

Additionally, the length from top to bottom of the broadsheet – known as the "cutoff" – will be 21.5 inches with the broadsheet.

For you and your fellow Times readers, the newspaper in broadsheet form will offer a more open and appealing package. You will notice that photographs and other artwork will generally be larger. Headlines and other text elements will have greater diversity. The broadsheet will allow the Times staff to put more news on a page while also offering a more relaxed and "airy" feel.

We hope you like the "new" Times, and we would like to hear your thoughts after you have received the October newspaper.

Please contact us by email, phone or traditional mail. We'd love to hear from you!

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Thank you for reading the Chickasaw Times, the official publication of the Chickasaw Nation!

Tom Bolitho
Editor
The Chickasaw Times

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hotel was part of a significant investment the Chickasaw Nation was making in Oklahoma tourism.

"This area was once a tourist Mecca," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We knew if we wanted to build on that history, we needed to make a meaningful investment. So we have invested in this hotel, the Chickasaw Cultural Center, the Bedré Chocolate factory, an art gallery and a visitor center for the Chickasaw National Recreation Area."

Surrounded by the grandeur of the tribe's latest tourism venture, leaders of the Five Tribes took action on a number of issues ranging from support of funding for Haskell Indian Nations University to a task force to study natural gas technologies.

The council passed 10 resolutions, with all resolutions passed unanimously save one calling for the Washington Redskins professional football team to drop "Redskins" from its name. A single dissenting vote was cast on that resolution. Other resolutions approved by the council include:

· Continued support of federal funding for Haskell Indian Nations University, located in Lawrence, Kansas. Because of federal sequestration, the school faces a 15 percent cut in federal funding which the five tribes contend will have "devastating impacts" throughout Indian Country and harm continuing higher education of Native Americans.

· Established an ad hoc committee for food, nutrition and agriculture to serve the tribes. The committee will help the tribes work together toward common food, agriculture and nutrition goals.

· Created a task force to work collectively among the tribes to study natural gas technologies. Suggestions from the task force could potentially reduce fossil fuel emissions and spark a shared commitment of environmental stewardship.

· Created an ad hoc committee on violence against women. The council said it recognizes the devastating impact of domestic and sexual violence on tribal communities and the need to coordinate efforts and responses to effectively address criminal acts of violence against women.

· Supported the appointment of Richard Chissoe to the National Indian Gaming Commission. Chissoe is a member of the Osage Nation.

· Approved a resolution commending Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and President Barack Obama for issuing an executive order creating the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

· Backed a resolution supporting Keith Harper as an outstanding nominee for Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations Human Rights Council. Harper is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

· Passed a resolution opposing the sale of items currently in the possession of the Creek Council House Museum Association that were loaned or donated to it. The Muscokee (Creek) Nation purchased the property – which is on the National Register of Historic Places – but did not purchase the items housed in it. The Creek Council House Museum Association has announced it will sell or auction those artifacts to the public. The council, citing a century of history, culture and arts for the Muscogee (Creek), believes the items should be preserved and retained in perpetuity for educational benefits and enjoyment of the Creek people.

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Intertribal Council

Gov. Bill Anoatubby speaks to the gathering during the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. The July Intertribal Council was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation at its new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Okla.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Early Chickasaws provided foundation for today's tourism

There has never been a better time to visit the Chickasaw Nation!

You have no doubt noticed that for some time now, we have been working on a number of projects that promote tourism to our area. Most of us know about the remarkable natural beauty of the Chickasaw Nation, but many people have no real idea of the many unique things we have to offer.

Let's travel back in time to 1902. Federal policy was driving the tribe into times of wrenching change. Allotment was on the horizon, and our traditional way of life was under assault. It was not a happy time for Chickasaws and the Chickasaw Nation.

However, our ancestors from that time worked out an agreement with the federal government to preserve the area we now call the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, in the heart of the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaws wanted the land and the freshwater and mineral springs of the area protected. So, we sold 640 acres to the federal government with the promise the area would become a national park.

In 1906, Platt National Park was created from this important property. In 1976, it was expanded and renamed Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Our ancestors knew what they were doing! They took a very tough situation and made a diamond. The park has been expanded and its natural beauty preserved. It is one of the most unique and beautiful areas in the region. Hundreds of thousands of visitors annually enjoy the park's gently flowing waters, its Travertine District and its gently undulating woodlands.

We have now built new businesses and attractions on that diamond the 1902 Chickasaws created.

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

We have just this week dedicated the Artesian Hotel, located near the park entrance in Sulphur. Now, guests to the Chickasaw Nation can enjoy the many amenities of the Artesian as well as the natural beauty of the park and surrounding area.

The Artesian has been a real labor of love. It is an elegant 81-room hotel whose architecture honors the style of the original Artesian. Dining, entertainment, lodging – even a bit of luxury – await our Artesian guests. What a wonderful way to welcome visitors to the Chickasaw Nation!

And we have surrounded the area with attractions and destination points sure to please any visitor.

Soon to be completed is our Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center, directly adjacent to the park entrance. Visitors can rest and enjoy the shop inside the center and, most importantly, can access plenty of information about the Chickasaw Nation.

Just across town, of course, is the Chickasaw Cultural Center. You have probably experienced the Cultural Center, but there are so many potential visitors who haven't been here yet! Our guests will enjoy all the great things our Cultural Center has to offer.

Travel the five miles west to Interstate 35 and visitors will enjoy our unique Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, and the new Bedre Chocolates manufacturing facility and retail store. The Welcome Center is the nicest stopping point along I-35.

The center lives up to its name and is very welcoming. The art and other works for sale there are outstanding. The area has plenty of parking and a great, open feel.

We know people love chocolate, so we placed on Bedre facility right next to the Welcome Center. What a great draw Bedre is! We look forward to hosting many guests, and fulfilling their need for a taste of wonderful Bedre chocolate.

We have invested in all these projects because they make good economic and strategic sense. We have wonderful attractions to draw visitors in the Cultural Center and the park. Our desire is to build on those foundations and provide our guests with a real and satisfying set of great experiences.

Tourism is an important and growing industry in the Chickasaw Nation. Sharing the beauty and many great experiences in our area allows us to expand our economic base. We create good jobs and boost the local economies, as well as our tribe's commercial diversity.

Today is a great time to visit the Chickasaw Nation!

Medical Center honored for unique, welcoming design

Cultural touch

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada has been recognized for its outstanding design.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada was designed to incorporate Chickasaw culture while providing the best technology, medical equipment and staff in the country.

The medical center's welcoming design was recently named one of the top designs in the world by an architectural trade magazine.

The 358,000-square-foot medical center was named a top six finalist in the "World Architecture News" Awards Health Care category competition June 18.

The design of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center honors the past, looks to the future and provides for the best possible care today.

Presented annually, the "News" Healthcare Sector Awards is a major international competition honoring "Excellence in Design" for health care facilities completed after January 2010.

The competition received more than 85 entries including outpatient clinics, dental clinics, mental health facilities, pharmacies, medical laboratories and wellness centers from all corners of the globe.

Health care facilities included in the top six honor include a range of projects, from the Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children in Birmingham, Ala., to a hospice facility in London, United Kingdom.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, designed by architect firm Page Southerland Page, made the short list principally because of its harmonious fit with its environment, according to award judges.

Judge Pamela Bate, of Hopkins Architects, noted the building had a quality feel, the materials were very well chosen and the architectural plan was well executed.

This is the second year the Chickasaw Medical Center has been honored with an award for design excellence.

In 2012, it was named to the short list for the "News" Effectiveness Award.

"Chickasaw Nation Medical Center was a socially impressive project where serious attempt has been made to integrate design icons and forms from native culture into a modern, large scale context," judge Peter Gluck wrote in 2012.

Chickasaw culture inspired much of the medical center design and is integrated into everything from the floor tile design to the placement of windows and display of Chickasaw art.

The culturally significant beaded collar is reflected in the diamond pattern of the lobby flooring, ceilings, exterior canopy and landscaping.

Chickasaw elders worked with the medical center project team to translate the names of departments, meeting rooms and major public spaces into Chickasaw, to promote language preservation. These areas are identified on signs by both their English and Chickasaw names.

The facility features a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center, women's health center, administrative offices, tribal health programs and pharmacy.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Elders honored on August 21, National Senior Citizens Day

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello everyone,

I hope your summer is going well and you have had the chance to make some great memories with family and friends.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation creating National Senior Citizens Day to be August 21 of each year. He was quoted as saying "For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute. We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older."

Even though it is not a National holiday, August 21 is a day of observance.

Our Chickasaw elders are our greatest asset and I believe that the services we provide to them is unmatched by any other tribe.

While visiting the senior sites, you listen in on conversations regarding politics, healthcare, soaring prices, grandchildren and the weather. If you listen closely you will learn that each elder has a story. A story about how the "ended up" living in Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation. Some moved to Oklahoma after World War II, or moved to Ardmore looking for a job. Some were brought to the Duncan area years ago by their parents who were looking for a good place to raise a family. Some moved to Madill to be near family or Oklahoma City hoping for a better opportunity than they had on their family farm. What ever the circumstances, they each have a story to tell.

So remember on August 21, visit with an Elder, set down and hear their story and you will be amazed what your will learn.

God bless each of you.

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Stickball alive and well on campus of Southeastern

Ever Grace Alexander

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As a grandmother, it would be remiss of me not to mention that our one and only granddaughter, Ever Grace Alexander turned one on July 28. I find it hard to believe that one year has already passed since she arrived; our lives have not been the same since then!

Recently, I dropped by Southeastern Oklahoma State University (located in Durant, OK.) to see a social game of stickball. Director of the Native American Center at SOSU, Mr. Chris Wesberry, was hosting the Chickasaw Leadership Academy. Students were spending two weeks on campus, learning about leadership skills and Chickasaw Culture in a college setting. Mr. Jeremy Wallace, from the Chickasaw Cultural Center was on location to share about tribal history and the traditional game of stickball. The boys each had a pair of sticks to use, while the girls used their hands. It was an action packed game and attracted an observer, Mr. Curtis Eyachabbe. Mr. Eyachabbe is a Choctaw citizen and shared that the game of stickball was not played where he grew up. He had heard about it but had never played. His childhood game was fast-pitch softball! A passion he still participates in today. You can find Curtis on the mound at Tushkahoma, pitching for the Latimer County Chiefs! The LCC's placed second last year in the Choctaw Labor Day Festival. The people I meet always amaze me! Thank you to Chris, Jeremy and the men who assisted in the stickball game. It was fun to watch and clear to see that the students had a great time. Tune in next month for some exciting news about Levi Colbert and family reunions.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

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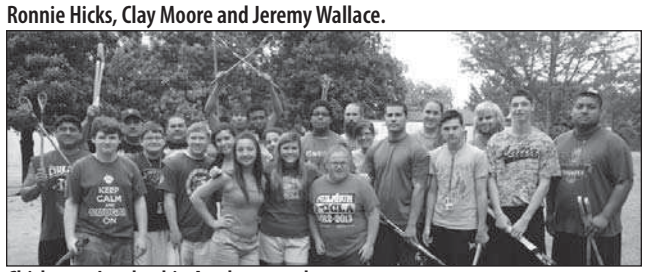
From left, Kane Worcester, Gerald "Brub" Hart, Dalton Gaines, Josh Alexander, Ronnie Hicks, Clay Moore and Jeremy Wallace.



Chickasaw Leadership Academy students.

We're investing in your education - and in you!

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

When the Chickasaw Nation was removed from our Southeastern homelands to our current home, Chickasaws had to start from scratch.

While the Chickasaw leaders negotiated better terms than other Removal tribes, it was still a wrenching and sometimes tragic experience. Some Chickasaw people died from illness and the elements. It was simply a very hard time for all Chickasaws.

When our people arrived in their new homelands, they found rolling hills, streams and woodlands. However, they would have to rebuild the institutions they had established in our original home.

Those institutions included schools.

Chickasaws had learned that education was a foundation for success. Missionaries had helped establish early institutions of learning in the homelands. Now, the Chickasaws would build on that foundation.

I think today we are a tribe with possibly the best educated population among all the tribes!

At the very core of our values is education - from pre-kindergarten to graduate studies. We place a very high value on education because we know it is a key element in success, career and happiness.

Just 15 years ago, the Chickasaw Nation committed $1 million in the annual tribal budget for education. That was quite an achievement! It meant more Chickasaws getting good early educations, and more attending vocational schools and institutions of higher education.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation commits more than 20 times that $1 million to education each year.

That's right! We are seeing the fruits of our education investments every day in our many university graduates. And those graduates are going on to have outstanding careers and build happy and prosperous Chickasaw families.

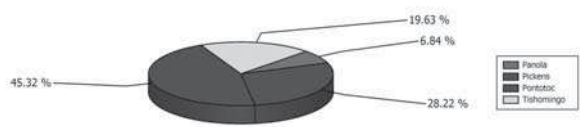
What an incredible accomplishment!

I meet Chickasaws all the time who have benefited from Chickasaw Nation education grants, scholarships and other programs. These people are really on target! I can tell just by talking with them that they are excited for the future - and some will be our leaders of the future!

Please call or write me and let me know how I can help you with your education, or with anything else. I'm here for you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,979	Pontotoc	13,113
Pickens	8,166	Tishomingo	5,679
			28,937



Nondescript black pot stirs memories of Removal time

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everybody,

If we are lucky in this life, we may encounter a few kindred spirits. They are rare, though. So, you need to watch close, 'cause they are worth it.

I am grateful that I have found a kindred spirit in Billie Easterling. Billie's upbeat personality and smile disguise her age. She is 85, which means she has held Chickasaw elder status for 25 years. But to that, Billie laughed and said, "I'm not old enough to be an elder, Katie!"

I visited her on a recent Sunday afternoon at her log cabin on Blue River. She gave me a tour of the cabin made of huge Canadian Douglas Fir logs. On nearly every interior inch of every log that is reachable, there hangs keepsakes and pictures. Each one illustrates a story and prompts Billie to share a pearl from her past.

Right off the bat she wanted me to see her great-grandmother's pot. It was a medium size black iron pot that resembled the bottom part of a dutch oven. It was nesting on a Navajo rug that draped a long rustic table made from scraps of the big Douglas Fir logs. While it seemed well placed on the rug, the pot's appearance was not striking. Then, Billie told me that her great-grandmother brought it with her during the removal. When Billie said that, it seemed like the little black pot started to glow. When I looked from the pot back to Billie, I couldn't tell which was brighter, the pot's glow or Billie's smile.

Her cabin is right on the bank of Blue River in a very natural setting. Billie described it this way, "People have said, Billie the back of your house is prettier than the front. I said I know, the back faces the river. I don't care what they think; I built it for me not them."

Billie talked about being the youngest of five kids and the strength of her mother, who raised the kids on her own. She said of her mother, "She was smart, but she only went through the third grade." Billie touched each of her fingers with the thumb of the same hand and said, "I would see her doing this and thinking about money or how to make money to do for us. She had to work hard to care and provide for us kids, but recalled, "I never remember going to bed hungry or not having clothes to put on my body."

She talked about the family and its matriarch, her great-grandmother, who Billie called Ol' Granny. We talked about how she and her husband made a living running cattle on 800 acres, and she told of a life largely spent living and fishing on the banks of Blue.

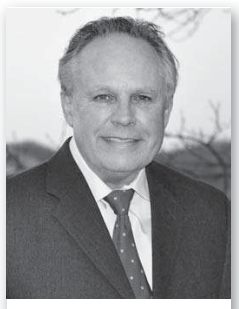
Billie and I have things to do and people to see together. So, she isn't planning on leaving this earth any time soon.

She says, "I am not scared of dying, but I'll sure miss Blue River."

Respectfully,

Katie

New Artesian Hotel adds to area's destination points



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chuckma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District and Chickasaw Country!

With great honor to our past and excited anticipation for the future, a new chapter in Oklahoma tourism began as the doors to the new Artesian Hotel and Spa flung open this month.

Pride, both in Chickasaw citizens and in the town of Sulphur is at an all-time high as this grand hotel rolled out the red carpet and formally opened for business.

The new hotel and the one it replaced, the Chickasaw Motor Inn, means so much to our people; and the historic Artesian hotel has a special place for many people who call Sulphur home or grew up in Sulphur.

As a former Chickasaw Motor Inn bus boy, I am especially proud of our tribe and the strides we have made together, especially in the past 25 years.

The two hotels are symbolic of where we have been, and the tremendous progress we have seen.

The Chickasaw Motor Inn, our first business, was purchased in 1972 at a time when we were re-establishing our government and investing in ourselves with the goal of true self- governance. While providing exceptional services and programs for our citizens remained a top priority.

Since purchasing the old motor hotel, the Chickasaw Nation has grown, expanded, diversified and now owns or operates 60- plus businesses around the world from manufacturing to chocolates to banking and health care.

Our government is stronger than it's ever been. We employ more than 12,000 people worldwide, providing vital economic development and contributing to a strong economy not only to our home, Oklahoma, but all around the world.

With these business ventures, we are able to provide health care, education, housing, elder and child care services and so much more to Chickasaw citizens.

And now, with the opening of the new Artesian, we are setting a new world-class standard for the tourism industry by providing a four-star luxury experience in a historical location.

The impressive four-story hotel stands like a beacon and dominates the Sulphur skyline. The Artesian, the nearby Chickasaw Visitor Center, open soon, and other planned attractions are truly unique destinations.

All of this is located in the heart of Chickasaw Country - a place chock-full of outdoor attractions and home to many of our historic sites, such as the Chickasaw Capital in Tishomingo and the White House in Emet, Blue River and Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area, which was established in 1906 at the request of the Chickasaw Nation in an effort to protect the vital springs.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, ties all these locations together by sharing our story with the world.

The new Artesian is setting an outstanding example in business ventures and hospitality not only with other Native Americans, but to all of Oklahoma and the entire Nation.

We all should take a moment and take pride in what we've accomplished, together.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is truly an honor and a privilege.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tim Colbert

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Grants, scholarships and great programs are yours!

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, How are you,

Summer is coming to an end. This is the time when parents and kids start getting ready to go back to school. How about letting the Chickasaw Nation help make that preparation a little easier?

The Chickasaw Nation Youth Clothing Grant provides eligible Chickasaw students with a $200 grant once per school year to purchase school clothes. The application period begins on July 1 and ends December 31 for each active school year. Applications may be submitted on-line, by mail, or in person at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth Services.

For those of you thinking of taking college courses, it's not too late to apply for a grant or scholarship! Deadline for Higher Education Grants for the fall semester is September 1.

This is also the time of year when you can get your students enrolled in some after school programs.

The Native Explorers program will be starting again in October, with application deadline on September 7. This is an exciting program for Chickasaw students, ages 6-18, geared toward recruiting, training, and educating young people in a variety of sciences, such as earth, natural, biomedical as well as medicine. For more information on the Native Explorers' program, call (580) 421-7711.

The robotics and lego leagues will also be gearing up again in August. Students age 6 to high school seniors have the opportunity to be involved with a team.

The First Jr. Lego league is for students 6-8. The First Lego league is for students 9-14. Freshmen and sophomore students can participate in the First Tech Challenge, and students 14-18 can participate in the First Robotics Competition. For more information on the robotics and lego leagues, call (580) 272-5579.

There are so many wonderful programs available to help parents get their children ready to start back to school!

Don't hesitate to let me know if I can help in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,

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Lots of great happenings this summer in the Chickasaw Nation!

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. July was a very busy month but we were blessed by some cool weather and much-needed rain.

A large crowd attended the ribbon cutting for our new softball complex in Ada. We know that young and old alike will enjoy the activities planned for that facility. We also cut the ribbon on Chickasha House at the Medical Center in Ada. The families of patients at the Medical Center will be able to stay there close to their loved ones. It is comparable to a Ronald McDonald House near big city hospitals.

Ribbon cuttings were also held for the new travel stop on I35 near Davis and the highly anticipated Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. The Nation hosted the summer meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes at the Artesian in July. The meeting had the largest turnout that I can remember for the Inter-Tribal Council. Governor Anoatubby and the other four chiefs gave reports on their tribal activities.

We attended community council meetings during July. Some councils don't hold a July meeting because of the heat, but Purcell and Oklahoma City held their regular meetings.

Chickasaw Senior Magdalene Montgomery from Pauls Valley has been my friend and mentor for over 30 years. She is 91 years young and went on many field trips and spent many volunteer hours working with the Ada seniors back in the 80's and 90's. She was born on September 21, 1921 to Dixon Gibson, full blood Choctaw, and Susan Lomer, full blood Chickasaw. Magdalene married Forrest Montgomery and they had four sons and many grandchildren.

Magdalene has been a volunteer at the Pauls Valley senior citizens site since it first opened. Her eyesight has failed so she closed her home and moved to the Willows Assisted Living Center in Pauls Valley. She talks about enjoying many years of work as a cook at a state school, waitress and café owner. She is a devout child of God and is proud to be Chickasaw. Magdalene very much enjoys visiting friends at the Pauls Valley senior site.

I would love to hear from you! My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Magdalene Montgomery

SOFTBALL COMPLEX | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, cuts the ribbon officially dedicating the new Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada. The dedication was July 8.

to focus on ways people can stay healthy while building strong families."

Located at 2000 North Country Club Road, the complex includes two regulation-size softball fields and one youth field. Bleachers, dugouts, warm-up areas and lighting for evening games are just a few of the amenities awaiting the community. The complex also includes a half-court outdoor basketball court and playground area. A two-story central building will house concessions, restrooms and scorekeeper's booth.

The tribe broke ground on the facility in January after requests by Chickasaw citizens to provide such a complex.

"Chickasaws desired a facility for athletics and other family-friendly activities," Gov. Anoatubby said. "So, we began making plans for this complex as a complement to our wellness initiatives."

The tribe has long been dedicated to the health and wellness of its citizens. The tribe operates and manages three wellness centers in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo.

"This complex will be another way to encourage Chickasaw citizens to lead healthy lifestyles and build strong families," Gov. Anoatubby said. "I thank you for joining me in celebrating another exciting occasion for the Chickasaw Nation."

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Turkish delegates visit Chickasaw Nation

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court justices recently hosted delegates from the Republic of Turkey at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The delegates are Turkish judges and were visiting the U.S. as part of the Open World Program hosted by the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City. Pictured from left are, Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; Justice Hamdi Demir; Justice Sinem Arduc; Justice Ihsan Basturk; Gov. Anoatubby; Philip Person, law clerk for U. S. District Court Chief Justice Vicki-Miles-LaGrange; Justice Sukru Say, facilitator; Justice Ahmet Kanat; Justice Ismail Koroglu; and Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Smith.

Lighthorse Academy sparks kids' interest in law enforcement

Front row from left, Trinity Thompson, Ethan Lawson, Nathan Machin, Chett Taylor, Jacob Cash, Logan Cash, Antonio Primm, Connor Chiles, Colton Wilson,Jaylee Willis, Jalen Johnson. Middle row from left, Amon Walker, Lauren John, Colten Bird, James Primm, Jordon Willis, Ryan Hagar, Alex Winkfein, Levi Teel, Gentry Moore, Jarrett Ellis, Carly Horton, Levi Ellis. Back row from left, Cameron Johnson, Kyle Brigham, Shelby Jones, Dawson Cash, Forrest Hamiliton, Angela Postoak, Jussely Canada, Jayson Ellis, Charlea Leonard, Hunter Fox.

ADA, Okla. - The next generation of Oklahoma law enforcement professionals may include Chickasaw youth. More than 35 Indian children, ages nine to 18, gathered at Lighthorse Police Headquarters June 24 for the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy.

Activities including K9 demonstrations, firearms safety training, physical training instruction and first aid classes.

"We are having a lot of fun," said Kyle Brigham, 14, of Stonewall, Okla. "We are learning what police do. I didn't realize how much physical training they do."

Cadets learned about real life situations police encounter. After classroom instruction, cadets were placed in scenarios that included elements of self-defense, traffic stops and crime scene analysis.

Charlea Leaonard, 15, of Allen, Okla., said the training was exciting.

"I am planning to be a criminal investigator," she said. "I feel like if I get to know how they work I will be better prepared. I am looking forward to the crime scenes and scenarios that will be set up for us."

The firearms and safety training was at the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training rifle range. A tour of the Pontotoc Justice Center was the highlight of the academy for many cadets.

This is the sixth year the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse has hosted the academy. Participation in the academy grows annually.

"I like the academy because we get to do cool drills," said Trinity Thompson, 11, of Vanoss, Okla. "Every year we do something different. My favorite is the rope climbing."

The academy teaches life skills. Cadets take part in team-building exercises, learn self discipline and participate in activities to improve confidence.

"We want the cadets to understand what is involved with police work," Melisha Sutton, administrative aid for Lighthorse Police Chief Randy Wesley, said. "We need the kids to know what we do and know that we are there to help, that they can always come to us."

Cadets who passed academy courses participated in a graduation and awards ceremony. Tracy Chiles, mother of 10-year-old cadet Conner Chiles, of Ada, was excited as her son accepted his graduation certificate. She was one of approximately 40 family and friends who showed support to the graduating class.

"It makes me feel good Conner is here," Mrs. Chiles said. "The Lighthorse has been around a long time. This has shown him the importance of physical training, responsibility and discipline. He keeps talking about what he does at home."

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Lighthorse Police Chief Randy Wesley presents graduation certificates and awards to each cadet. Charlea Leonard, 15, received top honors for shooting skills in her age bracket.

This month on CNTV

· CNTV covers the much-anticipated opening of the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The Artesian offers a number of amenities from world-class spa facilities and shopping to a beautiful casino.

· The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy was in session once again this year. The academy provides a creative environment to nurture the talents and interests of young artists.

· CNTV also takes a look back at the highlights from the various sports camps and cultural activities offered to youth this summer.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

NMAI meeting

Governor Bill Anoatubby with former chairman of the National Museum of the American Indian Board of Trustees Randall L. Willis, left, and current NMAI director Kevin Gover. The Chickasaw Nation has had a long and productive relationship with NMAI. A number of Chickasaws were involved in the preliminary scoping meetings for the museum decades ago when the Chickasaw Nation still operated from the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur. Dozens of Chickasaws were on hand for the museum's ribbon cutting. More recently, "Pearl" was shown in the museum theater and a number of Chickasaw people took part in a three-day Chickasha Poya event, which highlighted the history and culture of the tribe.

'A wonderful blessing'

Elders from across Chickasaw Nation gather for picnic

SULPHUR, Okla. – Chickasaw elders gathered to celebrate the Elders Picnic July 2 at the Murray County Antique Tractor and Implement Grounds north of Sulphur.

Chickasaw Citizen Jimmy Reed, from the Connerville Senior Center, enjoys a game of horseshoes at the Elders Picnic in Sulphur, Okla., on July 2.

Buses delivered elders from every Chickasaw Nation senior site to take part in an eventful day filled with food, fun and festivities.

This was the first year for the picnic and elders enjoyed cool temperatures, perfect for this outdoor event. A morning full of activities, including water balloon toss and horseshoes, was enjoyed by all. One game that required exceptional balance and skill saw participants balancing water balloons on a frisbee while hurrying to the finish line.

Refreshments were served in the shade of the pavilion, and lunch was provided for everyone. Red and blue water bottles were distributed, which fit right in with the Independence Day theme.

Mildred Green and June Greenwood, of the Ada senior center, both said they were looking forward to visiting with friends and enjoying day's activities. They were among the first to arrive and were looking forward to visiting with friends and celebrating the morning's activities.

"I am really looking forward to visiting with other elders this morning," June Smith, of the Purcell senior site, said. "I really appreciate the tribe, and it has been a real blessing to be a part of such a generous group of people. It is truly a wonderful blessing."

For more information on future events, call Chickasaw Nation Aging at (580) 795-9790, or email aging@chickasaw.net.

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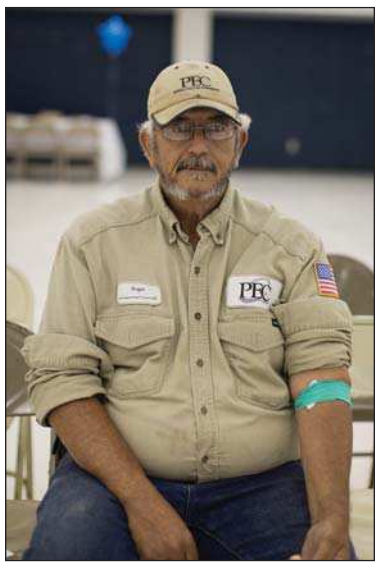
A summer's day

Mr. Vernon Hunt, and his wife Margaret, from the Panola Senior Site, take a break from the festivities at the Elders Picnic in Sulphur, Okla., on July 2.

Tribe joins in with local groups to promote summer blood donation



Chickasaw citizen Roger Lackey takes a break after donating blood at the fourth annual All American Blood Drive July 3 in Ada, Okla.

Summer is a time of rest and relaxation, but the need for blood never ends. Summer is the perfect time to donate so hospitals have enough blood for patients.

According to The American Red Cross, blood donations decline during the summer months, but the need for blood doesn't. Patients across the U.S. need an average of 38,000 units of blood. Oklahoma has experienced national disasters in recent months that tend to increase the need for local blood donors.

Chickasaw Nation Health, People's Electric Cooperative, Mercy Hospital Ada and the Oklahoma Blood Institute teamed together July 3 to host the "Ada All American Blood Drive." The drive marked its fourth consecutive year, and donations have continued to grow annually. This year, the blood drive was hosted at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada to accommodate the growing number of donors.

Debbie Jackson, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center director of customer service, was on site to welcome volunteers and donors.

"This is a joint effort among the host organizations and we are happy to continue to help those in need by donating," Mrs. Jackson said. "There is a great cooperative spirit among everyone involved and it is great to see such a great response from the entire community."

Local businesses donated an assortment of door prizes, and food was provided for donors. An activity table was set up so the children could play while their parents donated blood.

The act of donating blood may seem simple, but the impact it can have on the lives of others is invaluable. The entire donation process takes about an hour, and the actual time it takes to give blood is only eight to 10 minutes.

Vicky Pettigrew, an Oklahoma Blood Institute employee from Ada, said she had expected a large turnout of about 80 donors, but 103 were registered on the sign- in sheet.

"Each year it keeps getting bigger and better," she said.

Oklahoma Blood Institute is the eighth-largest non-profit blood center in America, and provides every drop of blood needed by patients in 144 medical facilities across Oklahoma. For more information on donating blood, contact the Oklahoma Blood Institute at (580) 436-0384, or visit www.obi.org.

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Chickasaw Compressed Natural Gas fueling station

This compressed natural gas fueling station in Thackerville, Okla. is the second station of its kind opened by the Chickasaw Nation as part of its effort to conserve energy by moving its fleet toward CNG fueled vehicles. With much lower fuel costs, lower emissions, decreased maintenance costs and an abundant supply of natural gas in United States, CNG is gaining popularity. However, more CNG fueling stations are needed to increase its viability.

Mike McKee

Students work in Indian Country, D.C.

Chickasaw students gain invaluable experience as interns

This year's members of the Chickasaw Nation Internship program with Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Back row from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Jordan Jones, Sara Miller, Matthew Walls, Shane Jemison, Michael Smola, Kyle Straughn, Maesynne Hulsey, Brian Roberts, Clay Hooton. Front row from left, Ciarra Banker, Brittney Scott, Hailey Robinson, Rachel Lake, Caley Wesberry, Sarah Schoolfield, Halii Fain, Jessica Campbell and Paris Burris. Not pictured, Victoria Callahan, Dillon Duke, Christopher Little, Carley Yates, Haley Sperry, Chelsea Pulver, Hannah Roquemore, Darcy Odom, Mara Yatsik, Kristen Marris, Benjamin Lee, Morgan Thorne.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Internship program educates young Chickasaw leaders in government, community and business relationships. The program provides motivated college-age students with a first-hand view of what it takes to be highly effective ambassadors and real-world problem solvers.

In May, the 2013 Chickasaw interns gathered for orientation in Ada prior to dispersing throughout the Chickasaw Nation and Indian Country to complete their six- to eight-week internships.

"The internship was an awesome learning experience," Chickasaw Nation multimedia intern Hailey Robinson said. "I'm so happy and grateful that I was given the opportunity to be a part of it."

Interns work in a variety of fields and locations including the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Chickasaw Press, Chickasaw Cultural Center, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., and NASA Glenn Research Center.

"I'm so excited and grateful to be a part of a tribe that encourages learning on so many levels," Chickasaw Nation Human Resources intern Ciarra Banker said. "This experience has made me realize I will always be a student in every aspect of my life."

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Internship program, contact the Chickasaw Nation at (580) 436-2603.

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Native (X) promotes Indian-inspired design to students

Native (X) handbag workshop hosted by Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities, brought Native (X) founder Mac Bishop, Chickasaw handbag designer Maya Stewart and Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater together to teach 10 Chickasaw youth the art of design. Pictured above are Chickasaw student Micah Postoak and Native (X) founder Mac Bishop.

Native American-inspired designs are on the rise in the fashion industry this fall.

Native (X) is doing its part to help Indian artists tell their stories and market their designs in the mainstream markets. Recently Native (X) founder Mac Bishop, Chickasaw handbag designer Maya Stewart and Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater presented a handbag workshop hosted by Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities in Ada.

The class brought together 10 Chickasaw students ages 10-18 to learn about textiles, designs and the industry. Mr. Bishop, Ms. Stewart and Mr. Mater worked with the students to create their own handbags. Each student designed handbags and used a sewing machine to stitch each one together. The students were very engaged in the design process and eager to learn more.

"We are planting the seeds so the next generation carries these designs with them and transforms them," Mr. Mater said. "We are like links in a chain. We are just linking towards the future. It feels pretty good to see it in action and to see them take hold of it so quickly and eagerly."

Ten-year-old Micah Postoak enjoyed sewing her own bag and having the opportunity to create a design that shows her Native American history.

With World Fashion Day coming up this month the Native (X) handbag workshop and Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities has worked together to inspired the next generation of fashion designers.

For more information on Native (X), visit www.NativeX.net.

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Holba' Kana'li Native Film Series

Enjoy a native film at the McSwain Theatre during the Holba' Kana'li Film Series hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. The Holba' Kana'li Film Series showcases Native American-made independent films that address the issues of Native American and Indigenous people.

Upcoming films include:

"Geronimo" (PG-13) Aug. 19

"More than Frybread" (PG) Sept. 16

Tickets are $3 for general admission, $2 for seniors and children under 12 years of age and a $5 movie deal includes admission, popcorn and drink. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Bluffs commanded early Mississippi trade

The Chickasaw Bluffs have a long military history. French, Spanish and American forces built forts upon the bluffs. Pictured is an earthwork built to protect cannon guarding the Mississippi River at Fort Pickering.

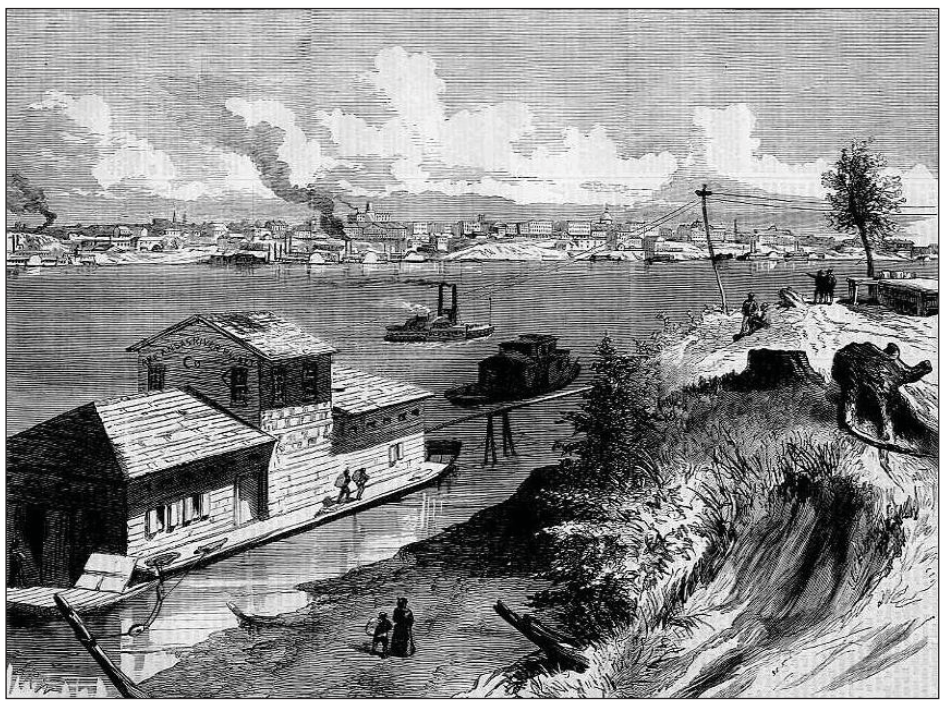
The Chickasaw Bluffs on the Mississippi River tower above the river and surrounding flood plains. Some of the Bluffs are more than 150 feet above the river and in many places are the only dry lands.

The Chickasaw people were sometimes referred to as "the Spartans of the Mississippi" by European military men and traders. The moniker honored Chickasaws for their fierceness in battle, the closeness of their communities and their effective interaction with their environment.

The rivers that flowed through the Chickasaw Southeastern homelands offered the Chickasaws natural resources, economic trade and a communications network. The mighty Mississippi, as well as its many tributaries, were the lifeblood of the nation.

In a time before steam trains and gas powered engines, rivers supplied the fastest and safest means of transport - of people and trade goods. Early European colonists also recognized the importance of these early "superhighways."

"When tribes or other groups controlled rivers, they controlled trade routes and the movement of goods," said Dr. Mark Micozzi, a professor of geography and cartography at East Central (OK) University. "This was also important for power and communication in the immediate region."



This 1871 wood engraving depicts trade on the Mississippi River. Built on what is known as the fourth Chickasaw Bluff, Memphis, Tenn., is a bustling inland port and an important commerce area.

The Mississippi River, which marked the western edge of the Chickasaw homelands, provided the people of the tribe with wealth. As one of the smaller Southeastern tribes, the Chickasaws were renowned as traders and warriors in the region and had much influence of the area, both among tribes and the colonial powers who came to North America.

According to historians, this can be directly attributed to their control of portions of the Mississippi River. The Chickasaws fought to control this important trade route within their lands.

Controlling sections of this vital river resource led to direct conflict with the French and her tribal allies, and built relations with the British traders during the 17th and 18th centuries. Chickasaws often raided French river men who used this natural passage between their towns to the north and south of Chickasaw lands.

"Conflict would arise when goods were not allowed to pass without some sort of compensation via direct trade or money," Dr. Micozzi said.

Chickasaw Bluffs, a name given to four bluffs above the Mississippi River in and around modern day Memphis, Tenn., were named by early river men in honor of the fierce warriors of the region. Rising over the river and flood plains, in some areas more than 150 feet, these dry lands and naturally defensible positions were used for hundreds of years to build military forts and trading camps.

In their early history, the Chickasaw Bluffs were used by French invasion forces. They offered natural control of the Mississippi River. A portion of one of these French invasion forces was defeated at the historic Battle of Akia between the Chickasaw and French. Later, the Spanish and United States both built forts on the Chickasaw Bluffs.

By the 1800s, the Chickasaw Bluffs had become a major import and export location between the newly formed United States and the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaws were resourceful traders and hunters. The Chickasaw Trading House on the Mississippi River, built on the bluffs, recorded earnings that exceeded all of the 13 other federally-licensed trading houses in operation at that time.

The bluffs continued to see military activity during the War Between the States, after Chickasaw Removal to what is now Oklahoma. The town of Randolf, Tenn., was built on one of the Chickasaw Bluffs prior to the war. The town served as a Confederate Army induction and training camp. The town was later burned and is now a suburb of Memphis, Tenn.

Chickasaw Bluffs today

The Chickasaw Bluffs today are home to state parks, beautiful walking trails and the city of Memphis. In recent years, the state of Tennessee and organizations within Memphis have taken steps to protect these beautiful and historically significant areas.

State parks are now on two of the bluffs, Fort Pillow State Historic Park and Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. Fort Pillow celebrates the historic significance of region as it has many Civil War era relics and architecture, while the Meeman-Shelby preserves their natural beauty. Downtown Memphis is built on one of the Chickasaw Bluffs and continues its bustling economic importance to southern states.

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Tribe's aquaponics system part of 'going green' effort

How do you grow vegetables without any dirt?

Any kid will tell you plants need earth to grow in. However, a new and innovative growing system can produce robust plants without any soil at all

It's all part of the tribe's "going green" efforts, and it's called aquaponics. The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center recently began a small scale aquaponics program. It combines growing plants without the use of soil, known as hydroponics, with fish farming.

"We are happy we are able to study this system," Department of Environmental Services coordinator Cindy Gammons said. "We plan on in using it in our environmental camp next year for education."

Aquaponics is one of the most sustainable agriculture practices. It mimics a natural ecosystem. When placed together, fish provide natural food plants use to live and grow. The plants in turn support the fish by oxygenating and filtering dirty water. It has been practiced by Indian people in Central America for at least 1,000 years.

Depending on the size of the aquaponic operation, enough vegetables and fish can be produced to feed a family or create profits in a commercial setting. Quality crops and fish can be harvested year round.

"This is a fun, new program for us at the ReUse Center," Ms. Gammons said. "As we get the kinks worked out of the small system, we will make it bigger and work with the tribe's horticulture program."

Aquaponics for home gardens or schools Aquaponic systems are easy to build and maintain. With a small initial investment, the system will last for years and yield organic, fresh produce and fish.

There are many ways to create aquaponics systems. The simple test station at the ReUse Center is affordable and was built in a single afternoon. The supplies were purchased from a local home improvement store for less than $150.

Most horticulturists familiar with aquaponics recommend selecting plants based on the season. Warm weather plants, which are started as seedlings in March and April, include tomatoes, peppers and green beans. Squash and melons can also be grown, but they are not as efficient because of space requirements.

Cold season plants have two growing seasons, early spring and early fall. Broccoli, lettuce, cabbage, peas, green onions and carrots are some of the vegetables suited for aquaponics in cold weather.

Fresh water aquarium fish from the pet store will work in this system. Fish used in aquaponics systems include tilapia, channel catfish, gold fish and koi. At the ReUse Center, bluegill were selected. Bluegill are edible, native to Oklahoma, can tolerate cold weather and use the entire tank.

For more information on aquaponics or the ReUse Center, contact Ms. Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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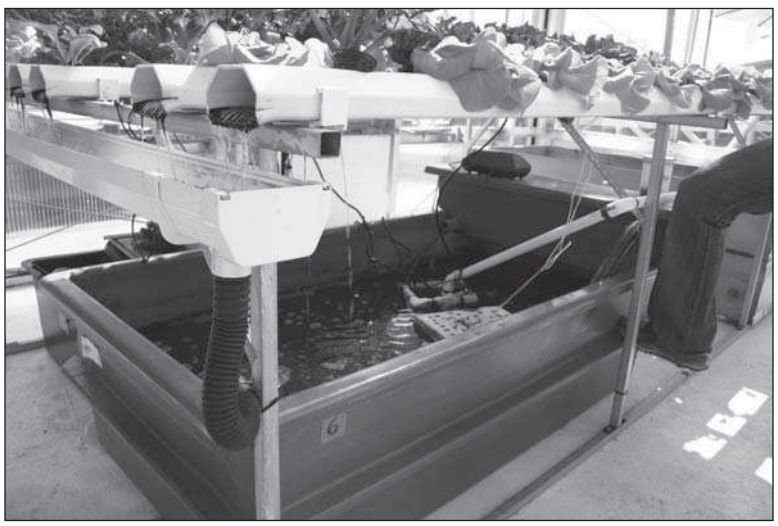

The ReUse Center has built a similar aquaponics system. Nutrient rich water is provided by the fish below, while the plants clean the water in a natural filtration process.
Photo by Ryan Soma.

Plants grown in an aquaponics system use one tenth the amount of water of traditional planting and can be 100 percent organic. The closed system only needs the introduction of food for the fish.
Photo by Ryan Soma.

Tribe hosting Aug. 15 Ada Area Job Fair at Agri-Plex

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation hosts the 14th annual Ada Area Job Fair 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, August 15, at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, 1700 N. Broadway, Ada.

At past fairs, more than 50 employers have participated. Companies seek workers with varying levels of ability and education in a variety of fields including graphic design, communications, health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution, mechanical, food services, construction, manufacturing, oil field, industrial maintenance and more.

This fair is open to the public. Private rooms will be available for on-site interviews.

Major employers that participate in the Ada Area Job Fair include The Chickasaw Nation, Dollar General Stores, Pontotoc County Department of Human Services, Arbuckle Truck Driving and Sulphur Veterans Center.

For more information, contact Darrell Walker at (580) 436-7291 or Darrell.Walker@chickasaw.net.

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For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

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For more information, call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities (580) 272-5520 or e-mail artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

Innovative ideas deliver support to Indian children

Chickasaw Special Judge Sherry Todd honored for child support work

Chickasaw District Court Special Judge Sherry Todd, left, and Chickasaw Nation Office of Child Support Services Director Cassandra McGilbray display the National Tribal Child Support Association Judges Award for Professional Excellence, which was presented to Judge Todd.

Chickasaw Judge Sherry Todd has recently been honored by a child support organization.

Judge Todd received the Judges Award for Professional Excellence from the National Tribal Child Support Association (NTCSA) during the group's annual conference in June. Judge Todd was recognized for her hard work, dedication, and special efforts to promote the missions of tribal child support services.

Judge Todd has partnered with NTCSA to end barriers non-custodial parents' employment.

"This is so amazing," Judge Todd said. "It is easy for me to reflect back on the hard work done by everyone in preparing the dockets and serving the clients, helping Native American children. I am amazed by the professionalism and hard work of those who serve around me."

NTCSA is a nonprofit organization that improves the quality of life for Indian children through child support programs. The organization is committed to uniting tribal, state and federal programs and sharing resources.

Judge Todd serves as a Special Judge for the Chickasaw District Court. She has served as a magistrate since 2004.

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About Special Judge Sherry Todd

Sherry Todd was born in Ada, Okla., to Joe Kent and Jean Abbott. She grew up on her family's original Indian allotment land south of Ada. Judge Todd attended Latta Schools and graduated salutatorian of her high school class.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in education from East Central (OK) University, she taught English at Byng (OK) Schools. She implemented the gifted/talented program and was named an outstanding Secondary Educator in America.

She graduated from the University Of Oklahoma School of Law. As a law student, she was a member of several professional organizations and has received numerous awards.

She received the Joe G. Wolf Appellate Advocacy Award and the Outstanding Trial Advocacy Award. During law school, she interned with the Native American Rights Fund in Washington, D.C., where she researched issues in Indian law.

Judge Todd has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Oklahoma County and Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma.

She was twice recognized for her outstanding achievements while working as Assistant Attorney General. She has tried more than 100 jury trials in both state and federal courts.

She is licensed to practice law in the state of Oklahoma, Western District of Oklahoma, Eastern District of Oklahoma, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court and the Chickasaw Nation.

Since 2004, Judge Todd has served as a magistrate within the Chickasaw Nation. She was appointed to fill the vacant Special Judge position for the Chickasaw District Court. She took the Oath of Office in 2011.

Judge Todd has been recognized as a "Dynamic Woman of the Chickasaw Nation."

As a judge within the Chickasaw Nation, she continues a family tradition of service. Her father, Joe Kent Abbott and her uncle, Barney Abbott, were both Chickasaw tribal legislators.

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Looking toward pro career

Chickasaw teen training for mixed martial arts career

Chickasaw teen mixed martial arts fighter Jussely Canada, left, and professional fighter and trainer Sarah Maloy are all smiles after a recent training session.

ADA, Okla. – It's a good thing Jussely Canada doesn't have a big brother. Her talent at mixed martial arts (MMA) would make her a formidable adversary.

So, the 16-year-old Chickasaw girl is content to win matches in an official MMA arena.

You'd never know it, but Jussely – with an engaging smile, soft-spoken demeanor and easy-going attitude – can fight. And, she's being trained by one of the best female MMA fighters in the nation.

Her coach is Sarah Maloy, who is ranked 90th in MMA standings. Mrs. Maloy was ranked as high as 21st until an injury recently sidelined her.

Mrs. Maloy and her husband, Blake, own, operate and manage BodyTech, a gym of sorts specializing in MMA instruction and other forms of combat.

"Mainly, our focus is to have everybody punch things," said Mrs. Maloy, a petite 31-year-old who is nursing a shoulder injury from a boxing match.

Jussely, a Byng (OK) High School student who also excels at softball, falls into the same category – petite, young and ambitious. She is so good at MMA, she recently qualified for the USA Federation of Pankration Athlima World Competition in Croatia.

That's good.

The bad? There is no guarantee Jussely can lock in a fight in her weight division, 125 pounds. Facing $10,000 in traveling expenses with no guarantee of a fight, Jussely has decided to stay in America and venture to California to train with a MMA fighter ranked in the top 10.

Liz Carmouche trains in San Diego and is ranked 7th worldwide. She fights at 135 pounds, considered bantamweight in MMA.

"I'd rather go out to San Diego and train with Liz," Jussely said. "I really look up to Liz as one of the role models of MMA."

Jussely could have competed in Croatia two years ago, but Mrs. Maloy – in agreement with Jussely – decided against it because the Chickasaw teen had only been active in MMA for approximately six months.

Now, with 18 months of training and actual competition under her belt, Jussely is hoping she can compete more, fight more, win more and earn competitive slots in more prestigious competitions in the future. While she has her eye on a career in criminal justice, turning MMA professional also is a goal Jussely has set for herself.

That won't happen, however, until after her 18th birthday.

Ms. Carmouche and Mrs. Maloy are nationally ranked and nationally known. Indeed, Mrs. Maloy has fought three matches before a nationally televised audience. Mrs. Maloy turned to boxing only recently when MMA fights became more elusive.

"I started boxing to stay in shape," she said. "My first love is MMA, though."

But both trainer and trainee say MMA women are finding more fights, more exposure and more television time. When Jussely decides it is time to turn professional, several current start-up MMA competitions should be aired on television.

"It's already happening," Mrs. Maloy said. "It will only be bigger when Juss becomes ready."

While in California, the women are hoping Jussely will compete in several pankration matches. Pankration is a fighting term that means you may not strike your opponent in the face. You can kick 'em, grapple 'em, wrestle 'em, box 'em, karate-chop 'em, deliver body blows and tie 'em up in choke holds, but the face … well, in theory … is off limits.

"You're going to get hit in the face during pankration matches," Mrs. Maloy admits. But, as long as the punch isn't intentional, the fight will continue but points will be deducted by fight judges.

As far as Jussely is concerned, the three, three-minute matches of an MMA tilt may make for a heavy rush of adrenaline and heart-pounding workout, but the fight is actually about "out thinking your opponent.

"You're playing human chess whenever you are fighting," Jussely said. "You have to anticipate when you're going to get tired and when your opponent is going to get tired; when to commit and when not to commit" to a possible fight-ending maneuver.

When do you know the fight is over?

"When the ref stops it," both women replied with wide grins.

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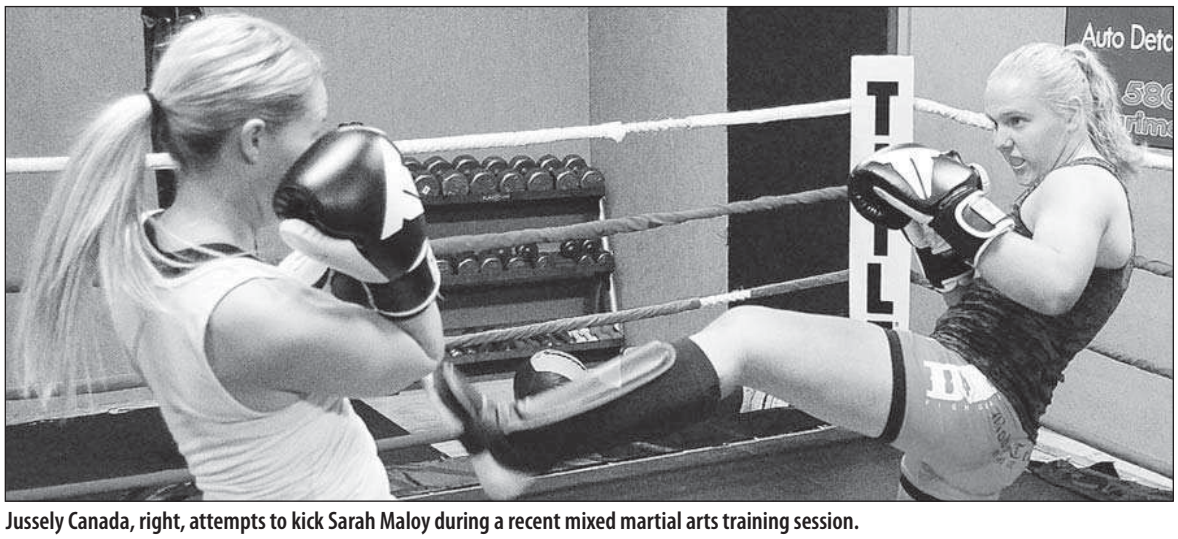

Jussely Canada, right, attempts to kick Sarah Maloy during a recent mixed martial arts training session.

Female Indian fighter appreciates discipline instilled through mixed martial arts training

Nikki Lowe

A 28-year-old Indian woman with Chickasaw lineage recently completed her last amateur mixed martial arts fight and will turn professional this fall.

Nikki Lowe, a mother, model, student and fighter who lives in Albuquerque, N.M., won her final amateur fight in Colorado in the 110-pound division. She is expected to turn pro in the 105-pound weight division, according to *the Native Sun News*.

The mother of two lived in Ada, Okla., until she was eight years old before moving west with her family. She became interested in mixed martial arts after she was invited to take part in a boxing class on the Navajo Reservation.

Mixed martial arts is a popular sport that combines boxing, wrestling and martial arts. The matches are fought in "cages." Similar to wrestling, a winner is declared when a fighter pins his opponent's shoulders to the mat.

Ms. Lowe learned the basics of striking in a standing position on the reservation, but it wasn't until she enrolled her son in a jiu-jitsu school her talent was discovered by a coach in Albuquerque. Ms. Lowe fell in love with the sport and began "grappling" and learning, she told *the News*.

She believes the sport can be a positive element for Indian youth, like Chickasaw teenager Jussley Canada.

"Eventually, I would like to start an organization that could bring gyms to Native youth because it would teach them discipline," Ms. Lowe told the newspaper.

This fall, she will also enter the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute where she is studying to be an ultrasound technician.

The Sun News reports Ms. Lowe is enrolled as a Muscogee (Creek) but also has Chickasaw and Seminole heritage.

She will continue to model for several well-known Native fashion campaigns, but she does not consider herself primarily a model. She considers herself a fighter.

Chickasaw girls have great experience in Miss America pageant program

Peyton West, left, and Paisley Mitchell

At just six years old, Peyton West is beginning to understand the connection between setting goals, working hard and reaching those goals.

Some of those connections were shaped when she spent time with the Oklahoma Stars program this summer.

Peyton, along with Paisley Mitchell, Chickasaw girls from Ada, participated in the program during the Miss Oklahoma Pageant June 1-8 in Tulsa, Okla.

Oklahoma Stars is for girls ages five through 10. It provides the girls a "behind-the-scenes" look at the Miss America system pageant.

The program also provides girls the chance to make friends, go backstage and be mentored by the title holder.

"To me, it was a positive experience," Peyton's mother Sara Willie said.

Peyton, better known to her friends as "Beans," represented and escorted Miss Creek County Tessica Carter during the event. Nine-year-old Paisley represented Miss Ada Brooke Hamilton.

"I loved it," Paisley said. "I got to meet a lot of new people."

Both girls enjoyed a photo shoot with 2012 Miss Oklahoma and Miss Teen Oklahoma. They also took part in a red carpet event and an on-stage performance.

The event-packed week included rehearsals, brunch and cupcake parties.

Peyton said the program introduced her to concepts such as eating healthy and setting goals. She aspires to be a dentist. Oklahoma Stars, Ms. Willie said, promotes the principles of determination and education, and a healthy image.

At the conclusion of the week, Miss Bricktown Kelsey Griswold was crowned 2013 Miss Oklahoma.

An Oklahoma City University student, Miss Griswold will compete at the Miss America Pageant September 15, in Atlantic City, N.J.

Miss Griswold, a Tulsa native, received a $16,000 scholarship.

Peyton and Paisley are sure to be watching when the pageant televised.

Peyton attends Homer School in Ada. She also is active in softball and sings Chickasaw/Choctaw hymns in her church. Participating in the pageant led to piano lessons for Peyton and a renewed commitment to dance.

Paisley will be a fourth grader at Washington Elementary in Ada. Paisley's hobbies are dancing and singing. She aspires to be a dancer.

Her mother, Kristi, works for Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Karen Gaddis named top social worker

Karen Gaddis

Karen Gaddis, director of the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention, was recently recognized as the Oklahoma Rural Social Work Professional of the Year. The award was presented to Ms. Gaddis in June at the 2013 Hall of Fame Awards hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

Ms. Gaddis was nominated by three members of her staff, Dalena Steidly, Cathy Daniels and Amy Ward. The staffers nominated her for her support and leadership of the Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention programs and for her commitment as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Ms. Gaddis earned a bachelor's degree in social work from East Central University and a master's degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma. She serves as a practicum instructor for social work interns from both universities and is also a licensed clinical social work supervisor.

She was appointed by Gov. Bill Anoatubby in 2005 to the directorship of the violence prevention program. During her tenure, Ms. Gaddis has overseen drug court support services, Chepota Himmita (Young Child), domestic violence services and sexual assault services.

Ms. Gaddis has been instrumental in acquiring federal, state and tribal funding to improve area services. Programs include a sexual assault response team partnership with Pontotoc County, Okla., hospitals; a weekly domestic violence support group; and a batterers intervention program to counsel and educate perpetrators of domestic violence and shelter for women and children.

The Chickasaw Nation Domestic Violence Shelter is one of only three tribal shelters operated in the state of Oklahoma.

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Chickasaw Foundation Holisso Fellowship application now available

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the availability of the 2013-2014 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application.

The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. The fellowship provides up to $2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant. The deadline to submit the completed application is August 9, 2013.

Fellowships are awarded annually, in the fall, for the upcoming fiscal year. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the phone. If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described, and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility will result in automatic denial of your application. Fellows will have from October 1 – September 30 the following year to complete their fellowship.

To be considered for this fellowship, the applicant must be:

· Pursuing a master, doctoral or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States OR preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history and/or culture; and

· Able to demonstrate a financial need; and

· A registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, a registered citizen of another tribe or Alaska village/corporation or affiliated with any tribe.

If you would like an application or further information regarding the 2013-2014 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application, please call the Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation's 10th Annual Scholarship Reception is Aug. 6

The Chickasaw Foundation will host its 10th annual scholarship reception on August 6 at the McSwain Theater, 130 W. Main in Ada, Okla., beginning at 6 p.m. Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients along with a Power Point presentation and refreshments.

You may RSVP by contacting the Chickasaw Foundation at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw citizen Neoma Brown celebrates 100th in Albuquerque

Neoma Lawana Brown

When Chickasaw citizen Neoma Lawana Brown turned 100 July 17, she celebrated in a big way.

Thirty-five of her friends and family honored her with a party at her Albuquerque, N.M., retirement home.

Mrs. Brown's son, Jim Brown, said even though his mother suffered from dementia and had some short term memory loss, her health was excellent.

"She is a very active woman," he said. "She drove a car until she was 93."

Mrs. Brown lived alone until she was 95 before she made the move to Palomas Nursing Home.

She rediscovered her Chickasaw roots later in life when she obtained her citizenship card in 1984.

Mr. Brown said helping his mother re-establish her Chickasaw connection also helped he and his daughter, who both also received their Chickasaw citizenship cards.

Mrs. Brown was born to original enrollee Johnny Taylor and Mary Taylor in 1913 in Katie, Okla. The Taylors had five children, three boys and two girls.

Neoma, which means "new moon" in Greek, married Biffle Brown in 1930 in Comanche, Okla.

The couple moved around Oklahoma and Texas with Mr. Brown's work in the oil industry until they settled Duncan, Okla., in 1949.

They later moved to the Brown family ranch in Nocona, Texas, where they lived until retirement.

In addition to raising sons Jim and Steve, Mrs. Brown worked in a boot factory and flower shop while living in Texas.

In 1981, the Browns made the move to Albuquerque.

Mr. Brown died in 1992.

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Mrs. Neoma Brown celebrates her 100th birthday last month with her sons Jim, left, and Steve Brown at a retirement facility in Albuquerque, N.M.

Total tribal net assets end June over $1.6b

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $15.2 million for the month and $116.7 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $9.4 million for the month and $82.8 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled $878.1 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $220.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $112.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2013, the tribal government funds had $220.7 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $19.8 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $138.1 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of June 30, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.615 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	9,033,988	878,125,635	887,159,623
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		107,713,899	(107,713,899)	-
Total funds available		116,747,887	770,411,736	887,159,623
Expenditures				
General government		10,065,070		10,065,070
Legislature		1,958,953		1,958,953
Judiciary		878,807		878,807
Education		14,890,976		14,890,976
Heritage Preservation		11,712,047		11,712,047
Health		16,030,972		16,030,972
Youth and Family Services		7,228,387		7,228,387
Nutrition Programs		4,366,204		4,366,204
Regulatory		6,386,095		6,386,095
Assistance Programs		9,368,810		9,368,810
Gaming expense			487,211,659	487,211,659
Other businesses' expense			170,429,416	170,429,416
Total expenditures		82,886,321	657,641,075	740,527,397
Increase in net assets		33,861,566	112,770,660	146,632,226
Beginning net assets		658,377,723	810,471,469	1,468,849,192
Ending net assets	$	692,239,289	923,242,130	1,615,481,418

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
June 30th, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	220,772,338	138,191,672	358,964,009
Receivables		30,334,863	83,519,210	113,854,073
Inventory		100,359	7,429,279	7,529,638
Prepaid expenses				-
Other Assets			1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets		442,214,315	841,124,495	1,283,338,810
Less payables		(1,182,586)	(148,225,026)	(149,407,612)
Net Assets	$	692,239,289	923,242,130	1,615,481,418

BIRTHS

Kyler Jackson Cain

Kyler Jackson Cain was born at 10:38 p.m., April 23, 2013 at Norman Regional Health Plex, Norman, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

He is the son of Derek and Kati Cain, of Ada, Okla.

He is the grandson of Allen and Debbie Jackson, of Lone Grove, Okla., and Dennis and Linda Cain, of Wynnewood, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Lavern Turner, of Zaneis, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee, Ella Mary Ann (Coyle) Alexander.

Gracie Susan Lingle

Gracie Susan Lingle was born July 3, 2013 at Denver, Colo. She weighed 8 lbs., 15.5 oz., and measured 19 ¼ inches at birth.

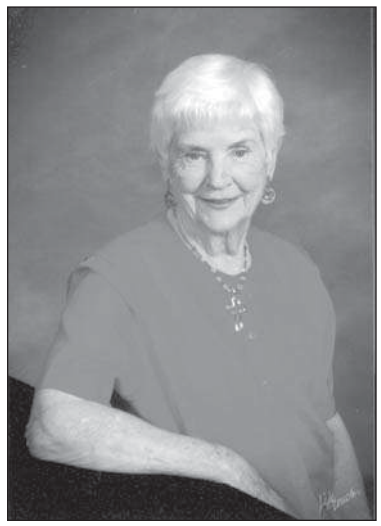
She is the daughter of Brice and Nikki Lingle.

She is the granddaughter of Mike and Pam Lingle, Vikki Moody and Nick Ehrhart.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Grace Burney, Chickasaw, and Susan Esterling, for whom she is named.

BIRTHDAYS

Lillian Haddock to celebrate 90th birthday Aug. 22 in Texas



Lillian Louise Blocker Haddock

Chickasaw elder Lillian Louise Blocker Haddock, daughter of original enrollee Winnie Neighbors Blocker, will celebrate her 90th birthday August 22, 2013. She will be joined by family and friends to celebrate this special occasion at an open house on August 10 at her home in Porter, Texas.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Haddock and her husband of 66 years, Melvin Carl "Red" Haddock (deceased), resided in Red Fork, a suburb of Tulsa from 1945 until 1963. They were active members of Red Fork Baptist Church were she taught Sunday school.

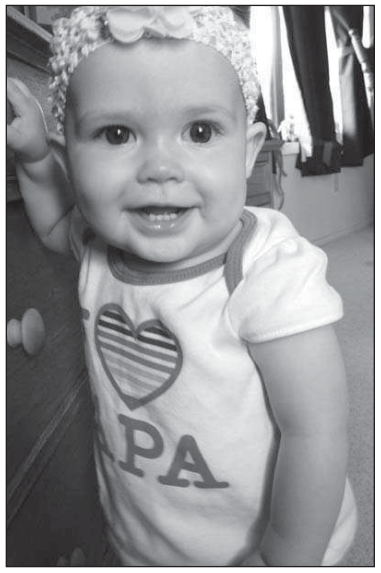
They moved to Houston in 1963 and she now resides in Porter and is a member of Woodridge Baptist Church. Mrs. Haddock has always been an active participant and a lifelong volunteer in both her church and community. As a weekly volunteer at the Porter 494 Mission she continues her quest of assisting and supporting families financially, physically and spiritually.

Her immediate family includes a son, Nick Haddock and his wife of 50 years, Jean Simmons Haddock; their daughter, Dana Haddock Atteberry; and three great-grandsons, Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry, of Kingwood, Texas.

Mrs. Haddock has numerous nieces and nephews residing in Texas, Colorado and Oklahoma and a host of special friends at Woodridge Baptist Church, Kingwood and Porter First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Haddock has always been proud of her Chickasaw heritage and the fact that her mother was an original enrollee and she has instilled that pride in her family.

Happy 90th birthday!



Ever Grace Alexander

Ever Grace Alexander turned the big one July 28, 2013. She celebrated with a cake smash and swimming with Mom and Dad and the grandparents in Durant, Okla.

Ever has nine teeth, enjoys playing with phones and kitties, eating Cheerios, saying momma and dada and bath time.

She is the daughter of Will and Rebecca Alexander. She is the granddaughter of Rick and Beth Alexander and Rance and the late Annette Biggs.

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged. Proverbs 17:6

Happy Birthday precious girl! We love you big!

Kaydee Leigh Dexter and Kaleb Clark Dexter

Kaleb Clark Dexter will celebrate his fourth birthday August 18, 2013. Kaydee Leigh Dexter will celebrate her third birthday August 17, 2013.

Proud parents are Clark and Lesleigh Dexter, of Mannford, Okla.

God's Rainbow

After the rain has fallen from the sky,
flames of the rainbow light the imagination of God and I.

Red images color my life of splendor,
red flames of His rainbow surround me so tender.

Purple flames soar the passage of what I will find,
I run to purple shade of rainbow of my mind.

Burning green rapture has found the rain of night and day,
green flames amaze the wonder of His rainbow today.

Yellow flames throw embers of the sun in the land of the rainbow,
sun of day together with the midnight sun dance all aglow.

Orange arch of the rainbow is bliss of dawn and twilight,
orange flames of rhapsody adorns my sight.

Blue flames burst among the sun, moon and stars upon the bay,
haze of blue charms the summit of the rainbow faraway.

Passion of indigo fascinates the aura of tomorrow,
indigo flames chase the rainbow's shadow.

Black flames are the keepsake of a thousand raindrops,
this is the key that unlocks a thousand teardrops.

After the rain has fallen by the window,
I have the flaming promise of God's Rainbow.
Clara L. Higgins
Broken Bow, Okla.

Owens-Underwood Family Reunion

August 17, 2013
Chickasaw Community Center
700 North Mississippi, Ada, Okla.

Potluck dinner will be served at noon. Please bring any family pictures to share for viewing. This reunion is for the descendants of Bina and Mollie Underwood Owens.

For more information call Rhonda Hulsey at (580) 272-8906.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

James Nicholas "Nicky" Mobley Ritter

Chickasaw Scout in Eagle Court of Honor

A Chickasaw Scout was recently recognized during a Boy Scouts of America ceremony.

James Nicholas "Nicky" Mobley Ritter, of San Mateo, Calif., attained the rank of Eagle in August 2012. His Eagle Court of Honor was March 23, 2013.

Mr. Ritter's Eagle project was building a redwood fence at the Highlands Recreation Center playground in San Mateo. He is a member of Troop 44 in San Mateo.

He is a 2012 graduate of Mid Peninsula High School, Menlo Park, Calif., and is currently a cadet at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, Calif. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in marine engineering technology.

Mr. Ritter was challenged to achieve his Eagle by his cousin, 2nd Lt. Zachary J. Ritter, USAF, who received his Eagle in Katy, Texas.

Mr. Ritter is the son of Charles B. Ritter and Connie Mobley-Ritter, of San Mateo.

His grandparents are James W. Ritter, of Springdale, Ark., and the late Kathryn Ritter, and George and Sue Mobley, of Winton, Calif.

His sister is Devon Mobley-Ritter, who attends Stanford Law School.

"Buggy" Jaidyn Gatewood

"Buggy" wins 'Mutton Bustin" at rodeo

A Chickasaw girl has recently won a championship at an Indian rodeo event.

Six-year-old "Buggy" Jaidyn Gatewood, of Ardmore, Okla., was crowned "Mutton Bustin'" champion during the Muscogee Creek Nation Festival All-Indian Rodeo. Jaidyn won with a total score of 67 and was awarded a commemorative belt buckle. The rodeo was June 21-22 in Muskogee, Okla.

Jaidyn attends Will Rogers School in Ardmore.

Her parents are Janan Powell and Roscoe Gatewood, of Ardmore. Her grandparents are Sammy and Charla Powell, of Springer, Okla.

Makyna Madison

Makyna Madison crowned in Tulsa

Makyna Madison was recently named National American Miss Oklahoma Jr. PreTeen Cover Girl. The pageant was June 7-8 at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Okla.

Makyna enjoys reading, sports, riding her four-wheeler and shooting her bb gun.

She is the daughter of Tony and ShaChrista Madison.

Leadership group at state capitol

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy, far left, recently hosted the Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) group at the state capitol. The young leaders spent several hours learning about the legislative process with Rep. Billy and discovered more about state history through an interactive scavenger hunt.

Katie Newton

Katie Newton named top female athlete

A recent Chickasaw high school graduate has been honored for her achievements in sports and leadership.

Katie Newton, a 2013 graduate of Aloha (OR) High School was named "Female Athlete of the Year" by the Beaverton Leader.

Miss Newton also received the "Jerry Pflug Award" from the Beaverton School District. The Pflug award is presented to one male and one female athlete annually. Miss Newton was recognized for making the greatest contribution to her school athletic or activity programs through her hard work, loyalty, attitude, engagement and success.

She is the daughter of Jim and Jessie Newton. Her grandparents are Tom and Barbara Halsell and Marion Newton and the late Bob Newton.

Miss Newton's great-grandfather, Thomas E.C. "Buster" Halsell, was an original enrollee.

Chickasaw Academic All-Stater signs letter of intent with University of Kentucky

Chickasaw scholar Annah Bakal with Chickasaw Nation Education official Danny Wells at the Oklahoma Academic All-State banquet in Oklahoma City. Miss Bakal was named an Academic All-Stater, which is made up of the state's top 100 graduating seniors. She has signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Kentucky where she will compete on the Wildcat varsity swim team.

A Chickasaw student has recently been named to the top state academic recognition and has also signed a letter of intent with a major university.

Annah Baykal, of Edmond, Okla., was named to the Oklahoma Academic All-State top 100 by the Oklahoma Schools Foundation. As an Academic All-Stater, Miss Baykal is recognized as one of the top 100 high school seniors in Oklahoma.

She is a 2013 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, where she was valedictorian. She is a National Merit Finalist and a Wendy's High School Heisman State finalist. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society and the Oklahoma Swimming Diversity Committee.

A champion swimmer, Miss Baykal was a member of the Oklahoma All-State Swim Team.

On May 7, she signed a letter of intent to swim for the University of Kentucky.

She is the daughter of Turk and Jana Baykal, of Edmond. She is the granddaughter of Vera Dryden.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Cameron Rojo Chavez

Cameron Rojo Chavez on SOSU Dean's List

A Chickasaw student has recently made his college honor roll.

Cameron Rojo Chavez was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the Spring 2013 semester.

Mr. Chavez was named to the honor roll for achieving a minimum 3.5 grade point average, with no grade lower than a B. He has been accepted to the Southeastern Honor Society.

Mr. Chavez is currently working with the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program. He is 7/16 Chickasaw.

He is the son of Aileen Brown, of Allen, Okla., and the grandson of the late Clifford and Bessie Brown.

His great-grandparents were original enrolles Esau and Viney Smith, and Louie and Chetona Brown.

So very proud of you, son!

Chickasaw soccer player helps lead Liverpool squad to national tourney

Jordan Colbert and her father, Walter Colbert

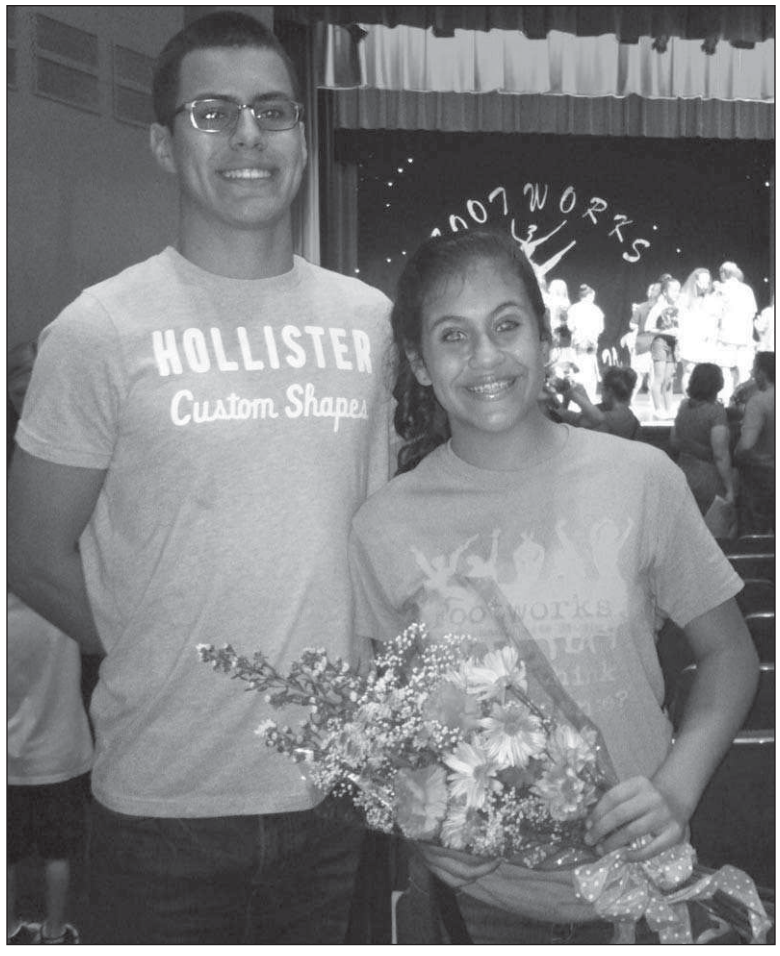
A Chickasaw girl has recently helped her team win a regional soccer championship.

Jordan Colbert plays for Liverpool Elite 00 in North Texas. Liverpool won the Region III United States Youth Soccer Championships and was crowned Texas State Cup champions.

The team went undefeated in pool play and defeated Oklahoma City 3-2 in the finals. Teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina competed in the tournament.

Liverpool Elite 00 represented Region III in the National Championships played July 22-28 in Kansas City.

Jordan lives with her father in McKinney, Texas and takes great pride in her Chickasaw heritage.



Karissa Wynne with her brother Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne.

Chickasaw dancer performs at USAO

Chickasaw dancer Karissa Wynne recently performed at the Te Ata Memorial Auditorium at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. The performance was June 22.

Karissa is a member of Footworks Performance Arts Studio of Newcastle, Okla. She is a hip hop dancer.

Karissa's family attended the performance and is very proud of her dedication and hard work.

Karissa will be a seventh-grader at Bridge Creek (OK) Middle School this fall.

She is the daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, of Bridge Creek, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Willie Juanita Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jesse and Olivia Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS

Chelsea Wedlow
Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Chokma, my name is Chelsea Wedlow.

The princesses have had a lot of activities during the summer months. It all begins in May with Head Start graduations, and then we have parades and other tribal festivals that we attend.

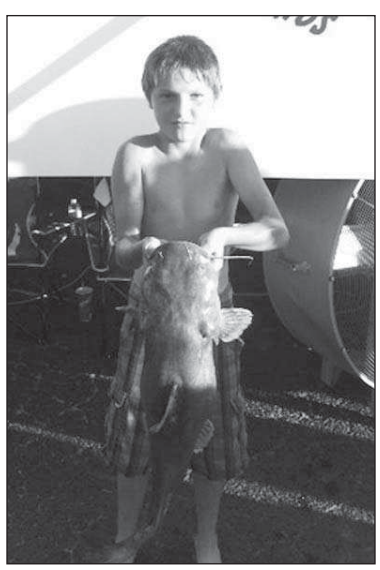
Two events that I really enjoyed have been, the Chokka' Kilimpi' 5K Run/Walk at Wheeler Park in Oklahoma City, with lots of activities and booths we didn't mind getting up so early to leave. The second was the day we went and volunteered at the Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City. It was a great learning experience and helping others should always make your heart happy.

We have an event at the beginning of August. We will travel to New Mexico and attend the Gallup 92nd Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial activities. I have always enjoyed flying. This is another opportunity to make friends and meet new people.

Soon summer will be over and it will be time for the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival. Kicking off the week of Festival will be the Junior Olympics and then the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess Pageant on that Monday, September 30. I encourage each and every girl to participate in the 2013 – 2014 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. See you soon!

2012-2013 Chickasaw Jr. Princess Chelsea Wedlow

Daylon Lewis second at noodling tournament



Daylon Lewis

Eleven-year-old Daylon Lewis, of Lone Grove, Okla., has become a top "noodler" in his first tournament competition.

Daylon placed second overall at the noodling tournament in Madill, Okla. Daylon noodled his catfish at Lake Texoma. The fish weighed in at 10.6 lbs.

Noodling is a sport in which the "noodler" captures catfish with his bare hands.

Daylon is the son of Kevin and Krystal Lewis and the grandson of Albert Lewis and Betty Higgins.

Pfc. Dakota Tucker

Pfc. Dakota Tucker now training at Fort Bliss

U.S. Army Pfc. Dakota Tucker, U.S. Army, recently graduated from basic training. He graduated April 19, 2013 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Pfc. Tucker served as a squad leader while in basic. His passion has always been to be a U.S. Army infantryman, and his goal is to become an air assault U.S. Army Ranger. He is a very proud Chickasaw.

He is currently stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Pfc. Tucker is the son of Cheryl Tucker, of Oklahoma City. He is the brother of Shannon and Amanda Allen, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Lacy Tucker, of Moore, Okla.

He is the grandson of Elener Miller, of Wichita Falls, and the late Floyd Miller. He is the great-grandson of the late Sim Miller, of Kingston, Okla.

His family is very proud of his commitment and achievements.

Kevin Holland

Holland named 'Road Warrior' by MedSynergies

A Chickasaw man has recently been recognized by his company for his exceptional sales efforts.

Kevin Holland has recently attained "Road Warrior" status with his company, MedSynergies. Mr. Holland is a senior consultant with the company and spends much of his time traveling and meeting clients.

"We know how important first impressions are," Mr. Holland said. "Our clients may make a decision about the whole company based on their first meeting with us."

Mr. Holland was recently featured in the company's "Employee Spotlight" feature.

MedSynergies was founded by physicians in 1996. The company consults on financial and operational systems to the American health care industry, and focuses on physician integration programs.

Stickball players to Mississippi tournament

From left, Dalton Gaines, Boomer Factor, Rick Miller, Clovis Hamilton and Steve Jacob. Not pictured are Jeremy Wallace and Josh Alexander.

Seven Chickasaw Nation citizens and employees recently traveled to Philadelphia, Miss., to compete in the 2013 Stickball World Series with the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma team Tvshka Homma. This was the second year the men made the trip to the homelands to compete. Each one did an excellent job and represented the Chickasaw Nation well.

A special thanks to the Choctaw Nation for allowing this opportunity.

Making the trip were Chickasaw citizens Clovis Hamilton, Rick Miller, Dalton Gaines, Jeremy Wallace and Josh Alexander and employees Wyatt (Boomer) Factor and Steve Jacob.

Chickasaws honored by Legion Auxiliary

Sheila K. Taylor-Parra

Alexis Futischa

A Chickasaw woman and a Chickasaw girl have recently been recognized for their work with the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sheila K. Taylor-Parra and Alexis Futischa were each recognized during the American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention in Oklahoma City July 5-7. Mrs. Taylor-Parra and Alexis were representing the Holmes-Collins Unit 242 of the fourth district.

Mrs. Taylor-Parra was honored as "Member of the Year.' She worked with homeless veterans, children and youth, volunteered with her church and helped with local school organizations. She is a seven-year member of Unit 242 in Coalgate, Okla.

Mrs. Taylor-Parra is married to Jose Parra. Her son is Kaydon Sneed, of New Mexico. Following her retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Mrs. Taylor-Parra works as a real estate agent.

Alexis, 10, is the Department of Oklahoma Poppy Princess. She was named "Junior member of the Year" during the convention. Alexis volunteered to serve veterans, the community, her school and church. She worked alongside senior members of the Auxiliary and also participated in Girl Scouts and Girls In Action.

Alexis is the daughter of Curt and Jacqueline Washington, of McAlester, Okla., and Jonathan Futischa, of Ada, Okla.

Annual Colbert Reunion set for Sept. 13-14 in Tuscumbia, Alabama

The Annual Colbert Reunion is set for Sept. 13-14 in Tuscumbia, Ala.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Creek War, the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears and the 75th anniversary of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

The reunion begins at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 13 at the Church of Christ annex in Tuscumbia.

The Walk of Life begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14 at Tuscumbia Landing. The trolley will shuttle participants from Spring Park at 8:10 a.m., Saturday. The group will walk to the Oka Kappassa Festival.

The Friday program will begin with a film story written by Bob and Annie Perry detailing the Creek War and Removal of the Southeastern tribes.

This will be followed by a discussion of the issues involved in the Creek War.

Mr. Perry and Natchez Trace Parkway Association member Tony Turnbow will speak about the 2013 expedition and living history associated with the Natchez Trace.

LaRee Rees

LaRee Rees named 'Citizen of the Year' by Thayer Chamber

A Chickasaw woman has recently been recognized by a community business organization.

LaRee Rees, of Thayer, Missouri, received two awards during the Thayer Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Ms. Rees was named "Citizen of the Year" and also received the "Outstanding Service Award."

Ms. Rees works as chamber secretary.

Chamber board member Bob Beckman said, "LaRee has gone way beyond the duties as a volunteer of our community."

Chamber president Adam Corter said, "LaRee doesn't just assist with events, but is the backbone. We are proud to acknowledge her hard work and give her the recognition she deserves."

Ms. Rees is the daughter of Betty Howard. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Nation Gov. Cyrus Harris.

Chickasaw runner competes in first 5k run

Brandy Myers-Black

A rookie Chickasaw runner recently completed her first run.

Brandy Myers-Black, of Cache, Okla., ran in the Technicolor 5k Run on May 4 at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. Over 1,200 runners competed in the race.

Ms. Myers-Black trained with her daughter, Kassey Scruggs, at Hi-C Fitness in Cache. Kassey could not participate in the 5k after tearing a ligament.

Ms. Myers-Black appreciates the support she has received on her new journey.

She thanks Hi-C Fitness, Luis, Derek, Kassey, Kinsey and Z-Lee.

Chickasaw sisters join together on the diamond to help team win All-Indian tournament

Three Chickasaw sisters recently competed on the state fastpitch championship team.

Sha, Amanda and Dakota Ingram played for Lady MVPs, who won the 61st Annual All-Indian Women's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, July 13-14 at Boomer Sports Complex in Oklahoma City.

Each sister was named to the All-Tournament Team and received commemorative jackets for their outstanding play. Dakota was named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

Dakota pitched two shutouts and led her team to a 6-2 victory in the championship game.

Sha, 16, is a centerfielder; Dakota, 20, is a pitcher; and Amanda, 23, is a shortstop.

The sisters are the daughters of Darrin Ingram, a Chickasaw Nation employee.

They are the granddaughters of James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Okla. They are the great-granddaughters of the late Lena (McCurtain) Farve and the great-great-granddaughters of Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee James Cotton McCurtain and Fykie McCurtain, both original enrollees.

Amanda Ingram

Dakota Ingram

Sha Ingram

John Vale named 'Volunteer of the Year' at Federal Credit Union

A Chickasaw man has been named "Volunteer of the Year" at a credit union.

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John W. Wale received the 2013 "Volunteer of the Year" award from the U.S. New Mexico Federal Credit Union in Albuquerque, N.M. Mr. Vale has served on the board of directors of the credit union since 1974.

Mr. Vale's volunteer work consists of helping credit bureau members with a range of issues.

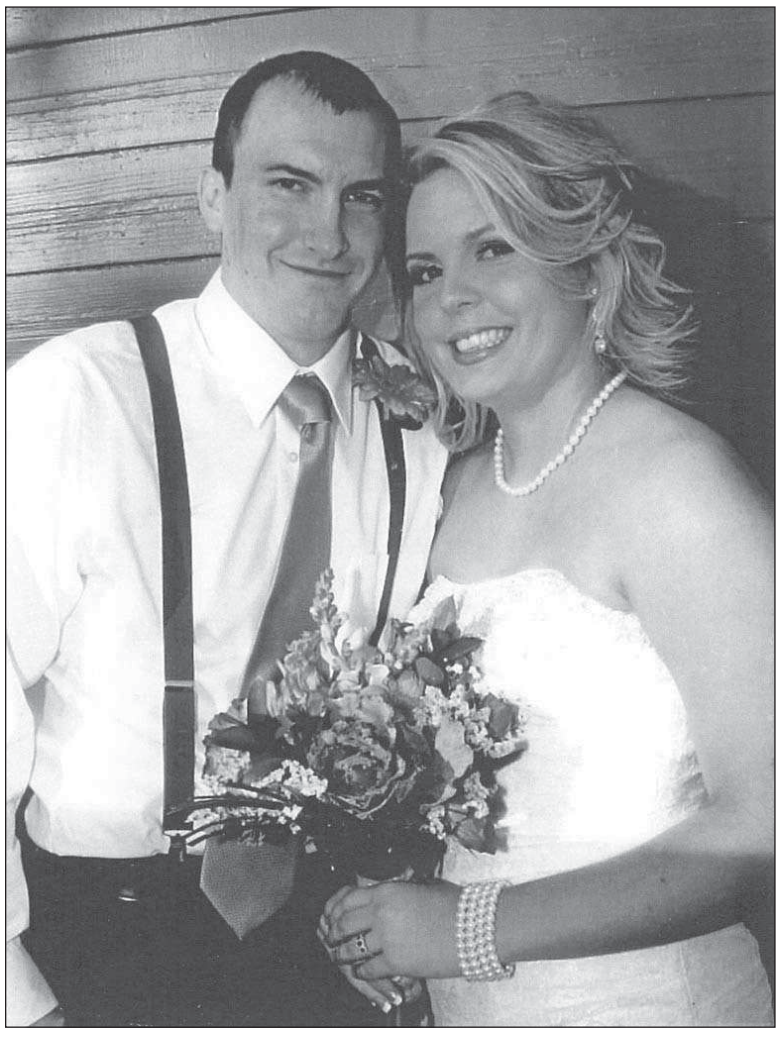
"Our credit union is grateful for John's extensive and sustained volunteer service to guarantee the wellbeing of our members," Eagle News, the credit bureau's newsletter, wrote.

Mr. Vale attended Chilocco Indian School and business college at Haskell Indian Institute, now Haskell Indian Nations University.

His grandfather, John Wesley Parker, was a full-blood Chickasaw. His great-grandparents traveled the Trail of Tears.

"The benefits that my family has received and is still receiving from the Chickasaw Nation have been very helpful and I do appreciate everything the Chickasaw Nation does for its citizens," Mr. Vale said.

Miller, Owens wed in Arcadia's Big Red Barn


Mr. and Mrs. Cole Owens

Page Miller and Cole Owens, both of Harrah, Okla., were united in marriage during a March 3, 2013 ceremony in the Big Red Barn at Arcadia, Okla.

The bride is the daughter of Kelly Lynch, of Midwest City, Okla., and Eddie Miller, of Blanchard, Okla.

Mrs. Owens is a 2011 graduate of Harrah High School. She is currently completing cosmetology school to seek employment as a barber.

The groom is the son of the late Richard Owens and Cleta Jo Cole Owens, of Wellston, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Merle Dee Cole and Ruth Cole, of Oklahoma City. He is great-great-grandson of the late Robinson Carlton, a full-blood Chickasaw.

Mr. Owens graduated from firefighter academy and is through intermediate medical technician.

He is currently employed as a firefighter at Shawnee (OK) Fire Department. He has accomplished a lot for 23 years of age.

The couple makes their home in Harrah.

Letters to Editor

Oklahoma storms bring people across the country together

On May 20, 2013 the devastation unleashed by Mother Nature, left little doubt that we become vulnerable to the destruction it can create. As everyone watched the monster tornado drop from the sky, it became evident that the people in its path were left with little time to react.

The many neighborhoods that became its victims were no match for its fury. What started as a day of normal routines for many would soon change to chaos and devastation and lose of precious lives. Within minutes, what started as a beautiful spring time day, would become an afternoon of unimaginable destruction.

Once the storm passed and the people of the communities affected emerged from their shelters. Only then did they realize just how precious life truly is. For many what took a lifetime to accumulate in possessions and memories was now gone. Their years of hard work, now seemed to have blown away with just a snap of a finger. What follows in the aftermath of the storm is total shock, anger, the "why me" and "what will I do now?"

It became clear rather quickly, that they the victims were not alone. Within minutes of the tornado's destruction what emerged was something unbelievable to many. The countless first responders along with neighbor helping neighbor it became abundantly clear that the people of Oklahoma unite in the aftermath of such destruction. And yes, Oklahomans are a proud group of individuals.

Now that the storms have passed, what's left is sifting through the destruction, salvaging what they can and began the rebuilding process. Though, it can and at times will be overwhelming to many, they should take a moment to thank GOD for the precious lives spared. And for those lives lost he had a reason, though we can't understand or make sense of it all. It's up to us to make sure they aren't forgotten, but they are with our Lord, and in time this should give us all peace of mind.

As people flock to Oklahoma from all across this Great Nation in an effort to help those who've lost everything. It should be comforting to know they are not alone. This country was given its name for reason "United States of America."

As Americans, we become united in helping those in other states of this great land. For the people are standing together to help Oklahomans in the wake of tragedy. United we stand, and from the tragedy of destruction, the people of Oklahoma will preserver.

Richard W. Byers
Wynnewood, Okla.

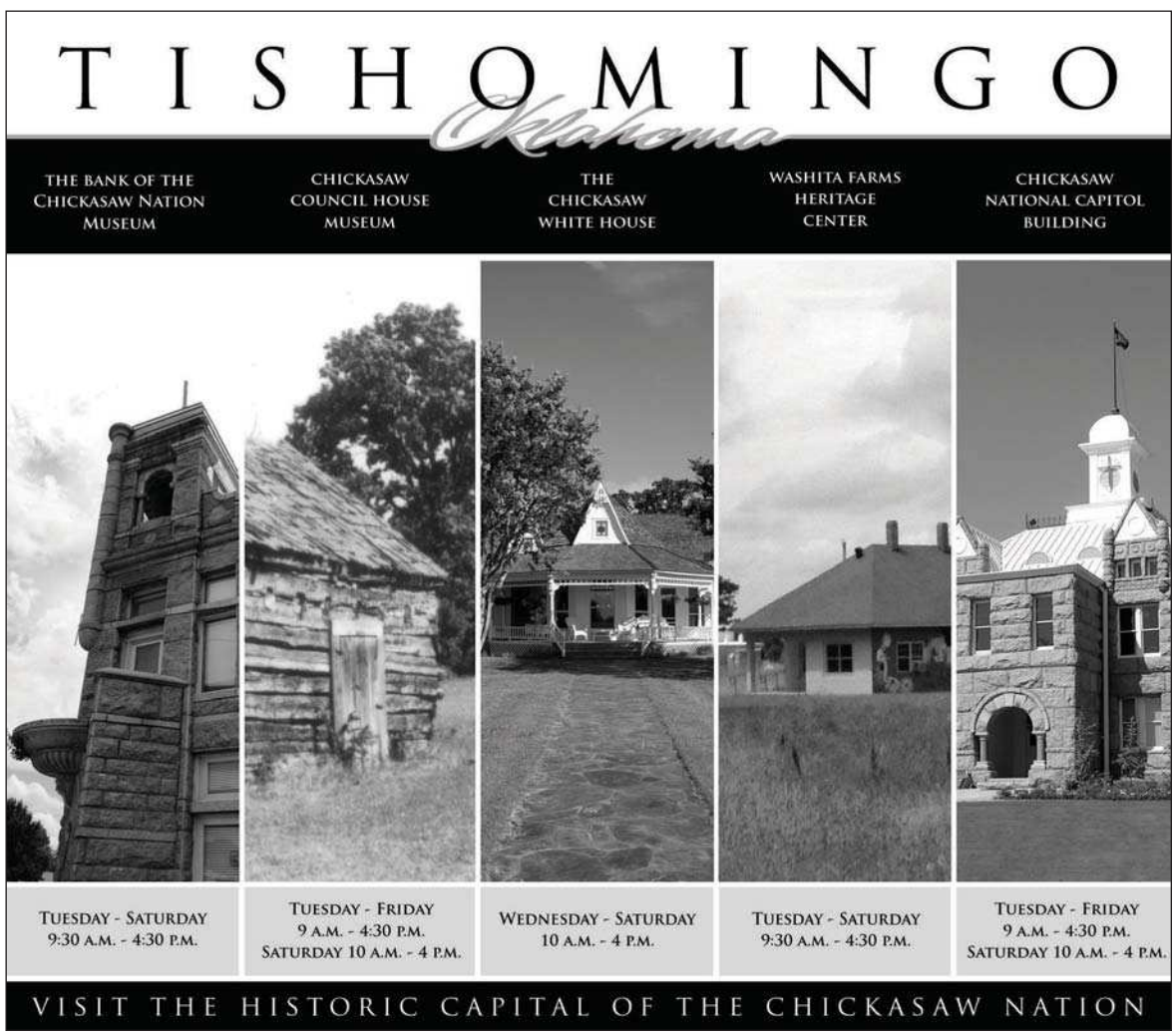
Chickasaw authors publishes 'Shadows Over February' poetry volume

"Shadows Over February" is the fourth book by Chickasaw author Calvin W. Allison, and third volume of poetry.

The book follows a theme of trials and tests. It encourages readers to grow in their faith.

"Shadows" can be ordered at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and other online stores. It may also be purchased at The Good Book Store, Ada, Okla.

Mr. Allison's Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/CalvinW.Allison.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Chickasaw Civil War veterans among those honored with Confederate memorial

ARDMORE, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation representatives were present for the June 22 dedication of the Confederate Veterans Monument at Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore. Interred in the Confederate veterans portion of the cemetery are 10 Indian men, including Chickasaw warriors Paul Jonathan and John Paul.

Native Americans were honored for their Civil War service during the dedication of the monument. Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel and Chickasaw Language Department director Josh Hinson represented the Chickasaw Nation at the event. Mr. Hinson opened ceremonies with a traditional Chickasaw prayer.

Limestone and granite panels make up the monument. The stone was quarried in Oklahoma. The monument's architecture is what would have been fashionable at the beginning of the 20th century.

"The design of the monument is neoclassical," general contractor and volunteer Terry Pierce said. "We wanted this to be as much a time period piece as possible. It has turned out so well."

CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs.

Confederate veterans buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore, Okla., were recently honored when a monument acknowledging their service during the War Between the States was dedicated. Two Chickasaw warriors are among the 190 Confederate veterans buried in the cemetery.

Pickens earns master's degree in human services from Capella University

Sandra D. Pickens has graduated from Capella University with a master's degree in human services. She graduated following the Summer term.

Ms. Pickens received her bachelor's degree in 2010 from East Central University, Ada, Okla.

She has also recently published a book, "Summer Internship." The volume chronicles her experiences during an internship at an Ardmore, Okla., domestic violence shelter.

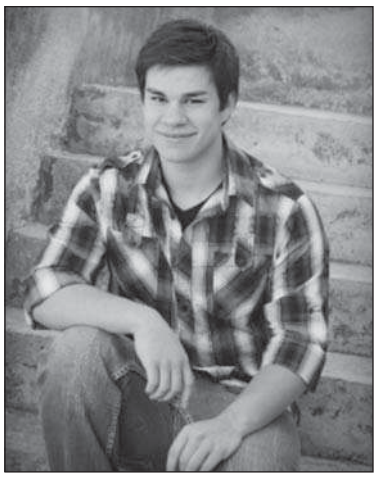
She is working on a second book, "Chukfi" set for release later in 2013.

Sandra D. Pickens

Ms. Pickens will celebrate her birthday August 11.

She is the daughter of Daphne Brown, of Long Beach, Calif., and Sherman Pickens, of Wynnewood, Okla.

Jonas Kelly Imotichey Burns



Jonas Kelly Imotichey Burns is a 2013 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Jana Imotichey and Jay Burns. He is the grandson of Jerry and Janis Imotichey and Pauline Edwards.

Jonas was active in sports and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was on the A-B honor roll for two years, was awarded the Most Inspirational Athlete by the Tishomingo Booster Club and named Mr. Tishomingo High School. He has been a participant in the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) Junior Art Show for four years and received a juror's award each year.

He is currently employed at the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Wellness Center and has worked there the last two summers through the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program.

His plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo to complete the physical therapy assistant program.

Congratulations Jonah. Your family is so proud of you!

Matthew 'Dillon'" Anderson

Matthew "Dillon" Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Frontier High School, Mansfield, Texas.

He is the son of Dr. Brian Scott and Lisa Anderson and Rodney Anderson. His maternal grandparents are Chickasaw citizen Jerry Edler and wife, Becky Edler and Wanda Edler. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Lillie Armeldia Moore.

Dillon studied video production from his freshman year through graduation. He was involved in numerous video productions, from athletic events to information films for the Mansfield Independent School District. He was recognized for excellence in the Skills America Competition at the state level in Texas.

Shotgun sports is another one of Dillon's passion. He has won many national sporting class association awards, including first place in juniors for 20 gauge at 2011 Oklahoma State Championships, first place in five stand and 20 gauge events at 2011 Arkansas State Championships, third place in 20 gauge at 2011 World English Championships and first place in FITASC and 12 gauge events at 2012 New Mexico State Championships. In 2012 he was ranked number five on Briley 20 gauge All American Team and holds the junior place on the 2013 South Central All Region team. He has been a member of Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports Team for eight years, serving as vice president during his junior and senior years.

Dillon will attend the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, N.M. to pursue a degree in the New Media Arts program studying film.

Erica Danielle Jackson

Erica Danielle Jackson is a 2013 graduate of John Paul Stevens High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Yolanda Clay-Jackson and Curtis Jackson. She is the granddaughter of the late Elizabeth Clay and the great-granddaughter of the late Perry and Almeter Clay.

She will attend Northwest Vista College in San Antonio to major in marketing.

We are very proud of you! May God continue to guide you towards a bright future.

Mom, Dad and Gladys

Ashlyn Claire Colbert

Ashlyn Claire Colbert is a 2013 graduate of Heritage Hall Upper School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of John and Jennifer Colbert.

Her high school activities included pep club, art club, book club, Latin Club, Spanish Club and cooking club.

She was a member of the high school cross country team, varsity golf American Heart Association Sweetheart, mission work in Italy and Africa, summited Mount Kilimanjaro, a mentor/tutor at Stanley Hupfield Academy, Youth Leadership Exchange, received the President's Service Award for Community Service completed, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, the National Honor Society.

Her plans are to attend Pepperdine University.

Rachel Ann Roberts

Rachel Ann Roberts is a 2013 graduate of the University of Washington (UW), Seattle.

She is the daughter of Craig and Roberta Short Roberts, of Salinas, Calif., and sister to Brian Roberts, of Santa Barbara, Calif. She is the granddaughter of the late Calvin and Stella Short, of Gonzales, Calif., and Frank and Gloria Roberts, of Novato, Calif.

She is a descendent of Jesse Short and Serena Jane Factor and Berry A. Duckworth and Louisa Greenwood.

Miss Roberts earned a bachelor of arts degree in international studies with an emphasis on Europe and a minor in Spanish. She has been on the Dean's list multiple times.

She served all four years as a mentor of the UW Dream Project, a program that partners UW students with first generation or low income students in the Seattle area high schools to assist in the college admissions process. She was active in school intramural soccer and an avid supporter of all Husky athletic teams.

This August she will be interning with a fashion public relations firm in New York City.

She would like to thank the Department of Education of the Chickasaw Nation for their financial support these past four years. Without their help she would not have been able to complete her degree. She promises to continue to make the Chickasaw Nation proud!

Dr. Benjamin Bigbie

Dr. Benjamin J. Bigbie is a 2013 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine.

Dr. Bigbie and his wife, Sarah, live in Oklahoma City.

He is the son of Bane and Melanie Bigbie, of Norman, Okla. He is the grandson of Faye Bigbie, of Ringling, Okla., and Ann Eldridge, of Tulsa, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Anne Wise, of Okmulgee, Okla.

He graduated May 25, 2013 with a 4.0 special distinction and was recognized as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He is currently doing a one-year internal medicine internship in Oklahoma City, followed by a three-year residency in dermatology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine.

Timothy Ayres Hardin

Timothy Ayres Hardin is a 2013 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.

Mr. Hardin graduated May 11 earning his bachelor of science degree in occupational safety and health.

He is the son of Tommy and Carol Hardin, of Madill, Okla. He is the grandson of Jerry and Lucille (Ayres) Coleman, of Madill, and the late Clayton and Irene Hardin, of Madill.

He is the great-grandson of William Holland and Nellie Marie (Bynum) Ayres and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Joseph and Gertrude Bynum, all of Tishomingo, Okla.

Mercedes Pipins

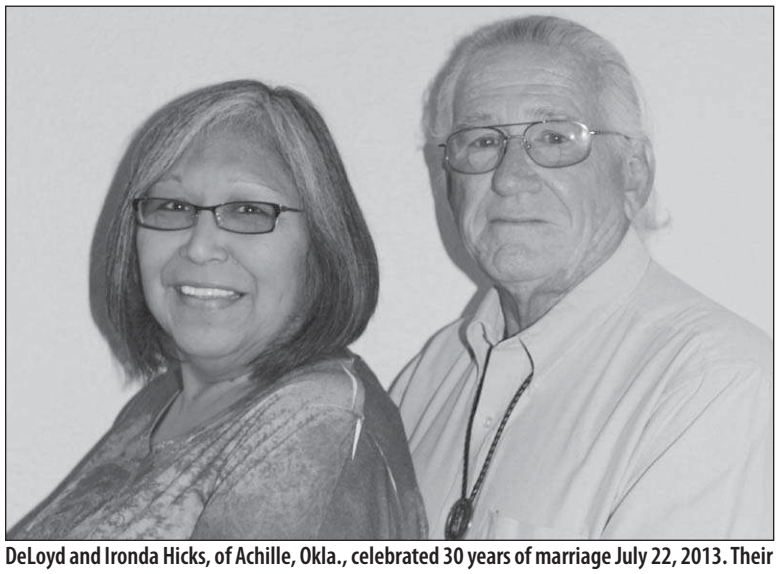
Mercedes Pipins is a 2013 graduate of the University of Phoenix.

She is the daughter of Roseanne Pipins. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Angie Pipins, the great-granddaughter of Jane Liddell Pipins and the great-great-granddaughter of Minnie Keel Liddell.

She earned an associates of arts degree in health care administration.

She plans to further her education at the University of Phoenix for her bachelor's degree of science focusing on health care management.

Hicks celebrate 30th anniversary



DeLoyd and Ironda Hicks, of Achille, Okla., celebrated 30 years of marriage July 22, 2013. Their daughters hosted a reception in their honor Saturday, July 20 at New Life Center in Calera, Okla. Friends and family were in attendance.

This could be you!

2012 - 2013 Chickasaw Princesses, from left, Chickasaw Junior Princess Chelsea Wedlow, Little Miss Chickasaw Taylor Roberts, and Chickasaw Princess Autumn Underwood.

Have you ever thought about being a Chickasaw Princess or just want more information about the princess program? **Deadline to apply for the 2013-2014 Princess Pageant is August 30, 2013.** Applications can be found online at www.chickasaw.net

Contact Information: Chickasaw Princess Program, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820, Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 310-9539 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

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CHICKASAW TRAVEL STOP

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, fifth from left, cuts the ribbon dedicating the new Chickasaw Travel Stop in Davis, Okla. The new facility fits in with numerous other Chickasaw Nation businesses and attractions along I-35, and throughout "Chickasaw Country." From left are, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador At Large Neal McCaleb; Chickasaw legislators Dean McManus, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Shana Tate and Tim Colbert; Gov. Anoatubby; legislators Scott Wood, Steve Woods and Toby Perkins; and Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Seminole Nation Chief Leonard Harjo talk following the ribbon cutting at the new Chickasaw Travel Stop in Davis, Okla. Behind Gov. Anoatubby is Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance.

morning.

As the Nation prepares to officially open the lavish Artesian Hotel in Sulphur on Aug. 2, Gov. Anoatubby stated how economic enterprise has enabled the Nation to "help our senior citizens and elderly and to offer all the programs we have."

"We believe this new travel stop will serve as the point of entry for thousands of people beginning a journey into Chickasaw Country," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This new travel stop is part of our investment in tourism in this area, which includes the newly opened Welcome Center and Bedré Fine Chocolate Factory across the street as well as the Chickasaw Cultural Center, a visitor center, an art gallery and even a new hotel opening soon.

"The travel stop alone brings 30 new jobs to the area, while our other tourism venues in Murray County bring hundreds more."

The gas station and convenience store is the eighth owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. Other Chickasaw Nation travel stops are located in Ada, Paoli, Ardmore, Wilson, Thackerville and near Lake Texoma.

Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance said the Chickasaw Travel Stop (CTS) brand of convenience stores throughout the Nation's boundaries follows the vision of Gov. Anoatubby to develop a concept travelers would recognize easily and trust while they are on the road.

"The Chickasaw Travel Stop is a name people can recognize and trust, "said Mr. Lance. "The overall look and feel of the Chickasaw Travel Stop is a signal to travelers that they can expect convenience and quality customer service here in Davis as well as at our seven other locations in Chickasaw Country."

The new store will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Michael Huff, Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce architect, said the convenience store measures roughly 10,000 square feet and features eight gasoline pumps. He also said great care was taken in selecting the building's exterior décor. Using indigenous materials like natural stone and selecting a warm, natural color scheme like those found in nature, the building blends into its rural surroundings.

The retail portion of the store offers hot and cold grab-and-go foods as well as packaged snack foods and drinks and a drive-thru window and a beer cave. At this time, the Davis CTS will not offer diesel fuel for semitrailer drivers; however, the Davis Trading Post located on the northeast corner of the same I-35 intersection will continue to offer diesel pumps.

The Davis and Paoli CTS locations are new buildings, while locations in Thackerville, Texoma and two locations in Ada were upgraded recently. The current Wilson location is expected to convert to the CTS model in the future, while no plans are in place to convert the Davis Trading Post to a CTS at this time.

About the Chickasaw Nation

With more than 50,000 citizens, the Chickasaw Nation is the 12th largest federally-recognized Indian tribe in the United States. The Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than $2.4 billion in Oklahoma in 2011. The tribe is the seventh largest employer in Oklahoma, with more than 12,000 employees. A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe's jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 counties in south central Oklahoma.

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Address to U.S. lieutenant governors

Gov. Anoatubby touts winning partnerships to state officials

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Brian McClain, executive director of legislative advocacy for the Choctaw Nation, answer questions during the National Lieutenant Governors Association conference July 17 in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb hailed Governor Bill Anoatubby as a state and national leader July 17 at the National Lieutenant Governors' Association conference.

"He's been a personal friend to me, a mentor and given me much needed advice over the years and I want to personally and publicly thank Gov. Anoatubby for taking the time to be here today," Lt. Gov. Lamb said of the man who has led the Chickasaw Nation for 26 years.

Gov. Anoatubby struck a familiar chord in his speech to the nation's lieutenant governors, reiterating his personal mantra that "a rising tide raises all ships.

"I really believe as Oklahomans we all have a common goal," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We all want a prosperous future, not only for ourselves but for the next generation and generations after that. Here in Oklahoma, the tribal children attend the same schools as non-tribal children. We drive together on the same roads. We attend the same churches together and work side by side every day.

"We're pleased at the Chickasaw Nation to embrace the idea of partnership and teamwork. It is one of our guiding philosophies and one of the keys, not only to our progress, but as we've worked together for the progress of the state."

Gov. Anoatubby said if someone was doing well, he had the ability to bring others along with him. And, he said, that illustration represents the principles by which the Chickasaw Nation operates.

"Working together is the key, be it in business or civic or charitable organizations," Gov. Anoatubby told leaders at the conference. "It really is just the smart thing to do."

The Chickasaw Nation's economic impact on Oklahoma is significant.

"More than $150 million enters the Oklahoma economy each year in the form of federal grants to the Chickasaw Nation. These funds are invested in our communities, impacting families, schools, city and county organizations," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Tribal citizens, he said, pay local, state and federal taxes, while tribal governments do not tax their citizens and must raise revenue through other means.

Many Indian tribes, Gov. Anoatubby said, rely on natural resources as a funding mechanism. The Chickasaw Nation, he said, had relied on economic development as the key component to raise revenues to help the Chickasaw people and others living within its boundaries.

"We've been able to develop that economic base through businesses," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The true economic impact was not really known until a couple of years ago when Oklahoma City University did an economic impact study on all the tribes in Oklahoma. And they found that the Chickasaw Nation, including all of our businesses which include gaming, banking and retail, generated $1.39 billion in revenue for the state of Oklahoma."

By adding in traditional economic multipliers, he said, the tribe's impact on Oklahoma's economy totals approximately $2.43 billion annually.

"Overall, the tribes in this state have an economic impact of around $12 billion and support close to 80,000 jobs," he said.

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Chickasaw pilot honored by FAA with Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

Bill Morris

WICHITA, Kan. - Chickasaw elder Bill Morris recently received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award from the Federal Aviation Administration. The award recognizes pilots who have maintained safe flying operations for 50 years or more.

Mr. Morris earned his pilot's license in 1963 and has logged over 6,000 hours in the air. He discovered flying was safer and more peaceful than hours on the road, and flying made it possible to accomplish more in a day then driving ever would.

Before learning to fly, Mr. Morris drove at least 40,000 miles a year to job sites around the country. During those early years, he was hit by a drunk driver and by a car whose driver had run a stoplight. Flying seemed like a much better idea and helped his mechanical contracting business thrive.

In addition to flying, Mr. Morris also enjoys buying, selling and refurbishing planes. Over the years he has owned more then 30 airplanes including single- and multi-engine craft. He has seen great changes in navigation and communications equipment and has helped bring these advances to the planes he has owned.

Mr. Morris is the great-great nephew of R.M. Harris.

At 81, Mr. Morris is an inspiration to all who know him as he continues to enjoy his favorite pasttime.

Summer months can bring West Nile Virus to Oklahoma

The summer heat has officially arrived - and so have the mosquitoes. Oklahomans are on full alert and are urged to take preventive measures when enjoying outdoor activities this summer.

According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health, 126 Oklahomans were hospitalized and 15 deaths caused by West Nile Virus in 2012. Two cases were reported in Pontotoc County, home of the Chickasaw Nation headquarters. Outbreaks in Oklahoma have a history of occurring once every three to four years. Since the arrival of the virus in 2002, 36 Oklahomans have died.

In 2012, the Centers for Disease Control reported Oklahoma was one of six states accounting for 67 percent of all West Nile Virus cases. Oklahoma health officials are working hard this year to prevent outbreaks from occurring.

This summer, Oklahoma City has initiated a new mosquito trapping and surveillance program to trap and test mosquitos. Each week, the trapped mosquitos are collected and sent to a lab where the harmless mosquitos are separated from the culex mosquitos- a class of mosquito that is the primary carrier of West Nile.

Only female mosquitoes bite and spread disease. If an infected mosquito is found, health officials take steps to eliminate the mosquitos and their larvae located in the area where the suspect mosquito was trapped. With this new system, the risk of spreading West Nile decreases, and mosquito habitats are eventually reduced.

Michael Peercy, an epidemiologist and biostatistician from the Department of Epidemiology, Research & Public Health at Chickasaw Nation Health, said that as of June 25, there were no reported cases of West Nile Virus in Oklahoma. However, he said, there had been human infections reported in Texas.

Health officials are emphasizing the importance of protective measures involved in preventing the spread of this infection in Oklahoma, including:

Use insect repellent that contains DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Drain or remove standing water from around your property.

Avoid being outdoors at dusk and dawn. This is the most active time of day for mosquitos

For more information on how to protect you and your family this summer, visit www.ok.gov.

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How is West Nile Virus Spread?

The virus likely originates from mosquitos that contract West Nile from infected birds. The Centers for Disease Control reports the virus cannot be spread by touching an infected person, but can be spread through blood transfusions and organ transplants. The virus can be passed on to a child through breast milk, and pregnant mothers can transmit the virus to their fetus.

To prevent mosquitos from breeding and biting:

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Hundreds of Chickasaw kids hit summer sports camps

Colton Kuykendall, left, hones his speed and agility skills at Day of Champions Football Clinic.

This June and July hundreds of Chickasaw youth trained, scored, jumped, shot and cheered their way through summer vacation at Chickasaw Nation sports camps and clinics.

A total of 270 boys and girls ages eight to 18 participated in the Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football and Cheerleading Clinics June 27-29.

Spearheaded by longtime Ken Heupel, the Day of Champions Football Clinic centers on four principles of leadership: discipline, trust, respect and hard work.

"Football is the draw," Mr. Heupel said. "But once you get their attention, are you just going to teach them the skills of the sport, or are you going to teach them the skill of life through that sport?"

Camp activities included three rigorous days of skill-building exercises and drills led by a number of notable high school, college and professional football coaches and mentors from around the country.

"This is a teaching camp," Mr. Heupel said. "We are bringing in great teachers. The coaches here believe in changing lives and positively impacting these kids."

Since its inception nine years ago, Day of Champions has gained considerable momentum, with many repeat campers from year-to-year.

As a wide receiver and cornerback for his high school team, Colton Kuykendall, 15, of Bethel, Okla., has learned a lot from his years as a Champions Football Clinic camper.

"I keep coming back and will continue to come back because it is fun and the coaches really concentrate on keeping you up to tempo," Colton said.

Now in its fourth year, Champions Cheerleading Clinic shares the foundation values taught in Day of Champions.

"We abide by and teach the same four principles of leadership as the football clinic, with our core skills development built on cheer skills - kicks, jumps and our movements," head cheer coach Dawn Heupel said. "We also talk about goal setting, expectations and how the four principles help you meet your goals.

"What we want to do is have our campers leave this experience thinking, 'What can we achieve next'?".

Throughout cheerleading clinic, participants were rewarded with beads when they demonstrated a core principle, providing a visual reminder of what it takes to be a great leader.

On July 8 and 9, students participated in the Chickasaw Nation Youth Basketball Clinic in Oklahoma City. The kids stayed at Oklahoma City University (OCU) and were bused to Lighthouse Sports, Fitness and Health for two days of skill-building drills and activities.

Young Chickasaws of every experience level were schooled in shooting, blocking, passing, footwork and more.

Return camper Asher Hartman, 12, of Ringling, Okla., said he learned more every summer and looked forward to coming back next year.

"I always learn more about the way of basketball," Asher said. "I get better every time. All the stuff they teach me here I work hard and practice at my own basketball goal at home."

Asher Hartman squares up to shoot during Chickasaw Nation Youth Basketball Clinic.

In his closing address, coach William Holiman, Jr., of McAlester, Okla., encouraged students to continue working hard and building on fundamentals. Mr. Holiman reminded students there was something to improve on at every level of experience and talent.

"Basketball is a game you never stop learning," Mr. Holiman said. "Even as coaches we are always learning, every day. We all have something we can improve on."

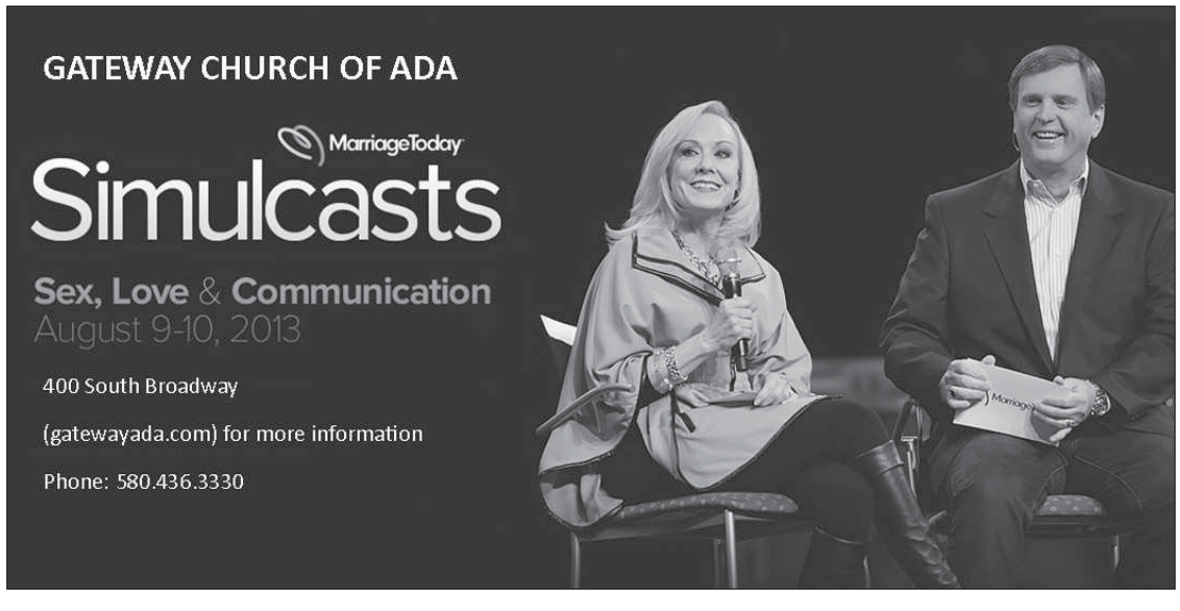
Outside the training sessions, campers participated in a variety of other activities and got the chance to hang out with the Oklahoma City Thunder mascot "Rumble the Bison."

As part of the Chickasaw Nation Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative, staff from the behavioral health department provided anti-bullying and teen dating violence prevention education at this summer's youth camps and clinics.

"The purpose of our clinics is to teach the fundamentals of the game, while incorporating life skills," director of youth support Brett Knight said. "Students are taught teamwork, responsibility, communication and respect. Our goal is to make a fundamental and positive difference in the lives of Chickasaw youth.

For more information about youth camps, clinics, academies and events, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 310-6620. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Miranda Elliott, Public Affairs.

An Oklahoma college cheerleader coaches a group of Chickasaw girls at the Day of Champions Cheerleading Clinic in June.



Deborah K. (Coyle) Hobbie

Deborah K. (Coyle) Hobbie, 58, of Ardmore, Okla., died July 16, 2013 at Mercy Hospital, Ardmore.

Services were July 20, in the Chapel of Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Marietta, Okla., with Bro. Roger Sims officiating.

Mrs. Hobbie was born Feb. 10, 1955 at Gainesville, Texas to Betty Ruth (Giles) Shipman and Benjamin Utah Coyle.

Mrs. Hobbie had been a resident of Ardmore since 1996, previously making her home in Love County. She married Frank Hobbie July 15, 1999 at Gainesville. She was a Walmart associate.

Her family was her life. She also enjoyed her rose garden. Mrs. Hobbie was of the Methodist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Benny Ray Coyle on April 13, 2008 and Charles Lynn Shipman in 1979.

She is survived by her husband, Frank of the home; a son, Vince Roberts and Regina, of Ardmore; five daughters, Cheryl Cayla and fiancé Mark McAlister, and Leslie Hobbie Furr and Jay, all of Lone Grove, Okla., Tammy Hobbie and Dennis, of Milburn, Okla., Frankie Pratt, of Durant, Okla., and Pamela Hill and Hollis, of Edmond, Okla.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Online guest book: wattsfuneralhome.com

Donald Gene Prather

Donald Gene Prather, 78, died May 24, 2013 at Kingwood Medical Center, Kingwood, Texas. Graveside services and interment were June 6 at Earthman Resthaven Funeral Home and Cemetery, Houston, Texas, with military honors. Pastor Milton Pool, of First Assembly of God Church, Humble, Texas officiated.

Mr. Prather was born July 9, 1934 at Ochelata, Okla., to George Louis Prather and Agnes Josephine Anderson Prather.

He spent his youth in and around Ochelata and Skiatook, Okla.

He was a resident of Huffman, Texas for 38 years and a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Mr. Prather was a 1953 graduate of Skiatook High School. He was a corporate pilot for El Paso Natural Gas, and the owner of P&A Homes. Along with his son David Louis, he owned and operated the shrimp boat called "The Rainmaker." He was a valve designer and construction manager for numerous multi-million dollar projects.

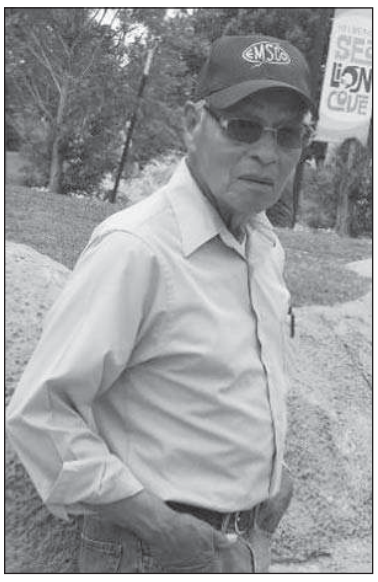
He had a wonderful smile and exuberance that was contagious and life changing to others. He never lost the ability to influence and touch the lives of others. He loved having fun, fishing, watching his owls and hummingbirds. He was quick to laugh and never met a stranger. He was infused with an infectious optimism, was generous and was always there for anyone in need. He left a legacy of wisdom and love and he will be dearly and eternally missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Louis and Agnes Josephine Prather; a son, David Louis Prather; and a brother, Gwin Dale Prather.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Peggy Sue Bennett Prather; sons, James (Jim) Robert Conway, Jr. and Ronald Dean Prather; a daughter, Cheryl Lynn Kilough Egelseder; a brother, Jerry Roland Prather; granddaughter, Brittney Nicole Conway; grandsons, Donald Early Prather, John Louis Prather, Jeremy Dwayne Kilough and Kristopher Kilough; great-grandsons, Trenton Thomas Prather, Johnathan David Prather and Kristopher Kilough, Jr.; great-granddaughters, Shaylynn Angelica Kilough and Kristina Kilough; and brother-in-laws, Eddie (Butch) Bennett, Gary Wayne Bennett and Jimmy Dean Bennett; sister-in-laws, Glena Prather, Zelda Prather, Jerrie Kay LeCompte, Sharon Ann Hignight and Cynthia Lynn Erskine; numerous nieces and nephews; special cousin, Darrell Mantooth and wife, Barbara; and special long time friend and wing-man, Jack Phillips.

"A light so bright can be dimmed but never, ever, extinguished."

Lloyd Parnacher



Lloyd Parnacher, 82, of Ada, Okla., died July 12, 2013 at an Oklahoma City hospital. Services were July 18 at First Baptist Church, Ada, with the Revs. Russell Begaye and Lee Batiste, and Mr. Parnacher's son, Randall Parnacher officiating. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery, Ada. The Chickasaw Honor Guard conducted military honors at the cemetery.

Mr. Parnacher was born Sept. 14, 1930, at Hickory to Nonless and Rena McGee Parnacher. He attended Jones Academy and Homer School.

He married Elouise Shoemaker Feb. 26, 1955, in Overbrook, Okla. She died Dec. 28, 1993.

Mr. Parnacher was a forklift operator for Brockway Glass Company until his retirement. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Sulphur, where he served as deacon. Mr. Parnacher served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Calvin Parnacher; sisters, Elsie, Julie, Nancy and Luwana; and a son, Lloyd Parnacher Jr.

He is survived by three sons, Randall Parnacher, of Moore, Okla., Jerry Parnacher and wife, Carla, of Newcastle, Okla., and Craig Parnacher and wife, Shannon, of Ada; two daughters, Caren Turtle and husband, Troy, of Ada, and Marcy Old Crow and husband, Randall, of Norman, Okla.; a cousin he reared, LaTona "Shico" Williams, of Ada; a brother, Floyd Parnacher, of Newcastle; a sister, Francis Brokeshoulder, of McAlester; 20 grandchildren, Andi Parnacher, LaRanda Parnacher, Ben Parnacher, Jeremy Parnacher, Jodi Turtle, Sonni Turtle, Nathan Turtle, Darius Roebuck, Dakota Roebuck, Salyer Roebuck, Seyth Roebuck, Alexa Old Crow, Aleigha Old Crow, Jordan Parnacher, Nakita Parnacher, Rendon Parnacher, Brittony Overstreet, Shelbey Parnacher, Kele Parnacher and Kelbey Parnacher; his great-grandchildren, Dillon, Caleb, Jonah, Lani, Shay, Mallory, Korbyn, Kylee, Bryson, Peyton, Jaylynn and Landon.

Bearers were his grandsons, Kele Parnacher, Jordan Parnacher, Nathan Turtle, Darius Roebuck, Dakota Roebuck and Benjamin Parnacher.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

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Carolyn

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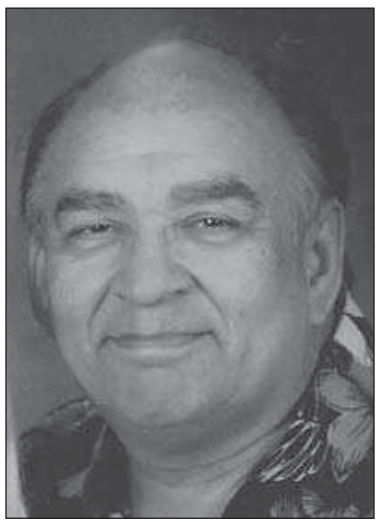

Thomas A.C. Pettigrew, 64, died July 15, 2013 at Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were July 19 at The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest Funeral Home with Pastor Donny Custar officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Oaks Cemetery, Enville, Okla.

He was born December 15, 1948 at Fort Worth, Texas, to William C. Pettigrew and Jewel (Parks) Stultz.

He met Gail Jean Gilley in December of 1993 at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, they married February 18, 1994.

He found and met his father in April 2002 and met his brothers and sisters.

He was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Gail, of the home; step-mother, Emma R. Pettigrew; sisters, Betty Woods and husband, Bud, of Lebanon, Okla., Denise Ruth, of Ardmore, Darlene Mason and husband, Steve, of Norman, Okla., and Diane Pettigrew, of Ardmore; brothers, Russell Strayhorn and wife, Lorenda, of Durant, Okla., Robert "Chief" Pettigrew and wife, Bonnie, of Ardmore, Darrell Pettigrew Sr., of Kingston, Okla., Michael D. Pettigrew and wife Roxane, of Ardmore, and Joe Don Pettigrew and wife, Stacey, of Lone Grove, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Lou Scardino, of Pearland, Texas; and mother-in-law, Eunice Gilley.

Pallbearers were Jr. Pettigrew, Brandon Pettigrew, Aaron Miller, Zakk Pettigrew, Steve Mason and Marcelino Martinez. Honorary bearers were his brothers.

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Derrick DeShawn Lubbin Taylor (Smith)

Derrick DeShawn Lubbin Taylor (Smith), 15, died June 30, 2013 at Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were July 3, at The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest, Ardmore with Pastor Steve Wall officiating. Interment followed in Porter Cemetery.

Derrick was born January 13, 1998 at Ardmore, to David Smith and Stephanie Sharee Taylor.

He attended Plainview (OK) Middle School and was anticipating attending Plainview High School in the Fall. Derrick loved playing video games, Facebooking his friends and playing basketball. He enjoyed fishing and hog hunting. He was employed with Duvak's Collision Center in Ardmore through the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program. He was a member of the Ardmore Indian Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Susan Moore.

He is survived by his mother, Stephanie Taylor and her significant other, Tommy Lee; his father, David Smith and wife, Felicia; a brother, JuJu Smith; great-grandmother, Sallie Palmer; grandmother, Laquitta Palmer; grandfather, Erey Steven Taylor and wife, Lou; aunts, Tally Morris, Amy Johnson, Ereyn Taylor, Selina Taylor and fiancée, Garrett Coronado, Elizabeth Taylor, Chanena Taylor and Piper Taylor; uncles, Donnie Johnson and Robert Jason Smith; and his fiancé, Ginna Mason; and a host of family.

Pallbearers were Johnny Wallace, Jarrett Wallace, Jason Wallace, Jacob Wallace, Marcelino Salcedo, Bruce Palmer. Honorary bearers were Tony Christie, Derek Christie, Curtis Johnson, Donnie Johnson and members of Derrick's ninth grade class at Plainview High School.

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Sally Ann Graham

Sally Ann Graham, 69, of Ada, died July 15, 2013. Services were July 19 at the Chickasaw Community Center with Rev. Don Jacob officiating. Burial followed at Steedman Cemetery.

She was born February 17, 1944 at Allen, Okla., to Simon and Pauline Alexander Walker. She attended Allen schools.

She married Bobby Don Graham in 1965. Mrs. Graham was a mould cleaner at Brockway Glass Company until her retirement. She was a member of Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby Graham, of the home; a son, Darrell Walker and wife Johnna, of Ada; a daughter, Shirley Shelton and husband, Jerry, of Ada; five brothers, Wordley Walker, Ada, Herman Walker and wife Opal, Ada, Toni Walker and wife Carolyn, Mill Creek, Okla., Virgil Walker and wife Ramona, Allen, Okla., and Gary Walker and wife Laverna, Allen; three sisters, Rosie Postoak, Allen, Gladys Johnson and husband David, Ada, and Hazel Wallace and husband Joe, Ada; seven grandchildren, William Shelton and wife Audra, Chris Turner and wife Rebecca, Zach Shelton, Lindsey Shelton, Nacobi Walker, Alexis Walker and Dylan Walker; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Christopher Turner, Zachary Shelton, Thurman Walker, Tim Postoak, Eddie Postoak and Niki Walker.

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Note of Thanks

The family of Sally Ann (Walker) Graham expresses appreciation to the following for your support and prayers during the illness and passing of our mother, Sally Graham: Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, The Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services, the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Foundation, the Chickasaw Nation Community Center staff, Criswell Funeral Home, O.U. Medical Center's MICU and ICU units, Ms. Karen Burris of the Pontotoc County Health Department, Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church, Boiling Springs United Methodist Church, Rev. Don Jacob, Crosspointe Church and numerous friends and family!

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 21, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson Woods appointed Mr. Toby Perkins to serve as the Secretary Pro Tempore.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Connie Barker

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Michael Watson, Michael L. Wingo, S. Ashley Large, Dana Lance

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 17, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the minutes of May 17, 2013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2013, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 30-032, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This Resolution approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept a property being donated by the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. The property is located at 101 G Street, Ardmore Oklahoma, and is known as the high rise apartments.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR30-032.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-033, Authorization to Grant Additional Roadway Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves and grants additional roadway easements to the City of Ada to improve the roadway access along Rosedale Road in Ada, Oklahoma. Such improvements will be effected by the City of Ada and the Chickasaw Nation as a joint improvement project. The Chickasaw Nation waives compensation for damages estimated at $68,150.00 as contributions towards the project described in Exhibit "A," attached to the resolution, is hereby incorporated by reference.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR30-033.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-033 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods announced the Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Legislative Building.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toby Perkins, Secretary Pro Tempore
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 15, 2013

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Absent: Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Finance Committee
July 8, 2013

Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Shana Hammond

Absent: Steve Woods

July 15, 2013

Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Absent: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

Health Care Committee
July 8, 2013

Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, David Woerz

Absent: Nancy Elliott, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee
July 8, 2013

Present: Dean McManus Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, David Woerz

Absent: Nancy Elliott, Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
July 8, 2013

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Absent: Steve Woods

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To promote student development for Chickasaw students attending institutions of higher education.

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In 2008, the Chickasaw Nation established the Chickasaw Learning Community (CLC) at the University of Oklahoma. In the fall of 2011, the program expanded to East Central University (ECUCLC). The CLC's purpose is to connect Chickasaw students to their heritage, culture and aid in retention. This is accomplished through cultural, social, academic and career development events.

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- Chokka' Kilimpi' serves as a catalyst to encourage students to explore a career in the helping fields. If students choose another career option, they will see the benefits of working with Chickasaw citizens and giving back to the Chickasaw community.
- The CLC works to help Chickasaw students find fulfilling academic majors and support them as they continue finding a successful career path.

If you have any questions about the CLC, please contact Karen Fish at 405.767.8948 or karen.fish@chickasaw.net.

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JULY 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-034
Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2014
Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of $153,533,000.00
Presented by: Finance Committee
Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woos
No votes: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 30-035
Gubernatorial Appointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner
(D. Scott Colbert)
Explanation: This resolution confirms Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. D. Scott Colbert as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods
Abstain: Scott Wood
Absent for vote: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 30-036
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Ardmore Community Center Phase II
Explanation: This resolution approves increasing the development budget amount for the Ardmore Community Center remodel project by $525,000.00 for a total budget of $3,474,615.00. The need for additional funding will allow us to update the support building just to the east of the main building, install a good quality audio visual package, and to use moderate finishes throughout the building, making a great place for tribal programs and tribal citizens to use for many years to come.
Presented By: Finance Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 30-037
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ardmore, Carter County Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Carter Seminary properties is described as:
The East 15 feet of Lot 16, and the East 15 feet of Lot 41; And All of Lots 3 through 15, both inclusive; And All of Lots 42 through 54, both inclusive; And All of Lots 57 and 58; And All of the alley adjacent to the above described Lots, as vacated by District Court Case C-79-438, District Court Carter County, Oklahoma; And All that part of the South 30 feet of Locust Street, as vacated by District Court Case C-79-438, District Court of Carter County, Oklahoma, which lies adjacent to Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 58, and the East 15 feet of Lot 16; And All that part of the West 25 feet of Chickasaw Boulevard, as vacated by District Court Case No. 33170, District Court of Carter County, Oklahoma, Which lies adjacent to Block 25 on the East side thereof; All in Block 25 of Revised Chickasaw Heights Addition to the City of Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Property Location: 1000 Cottonwood Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Carter Seminary Site property
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 30-038
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Tishomingo properties, and described as:
The S/2 of NE/4 and the E/2 of SE/4 of NW/4 and the NE/4 of SW/4, LESS AND EXCEPT the south 257.4 feet of the NE/4 of SW/4, all in Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 132.33 acres, more or less.
Property Location: P.O. Box 374, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Tishomingo properties expansion
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 30-039
Oil and Gas Lease in Carter County
BIA Lease Number 503-8627
Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease (BIA Lease Number 503-8627) in favor of Continental Resources Inc., 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Continental Resources has submitted an acceptable bid of $2,500 total cash bonus, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $625.00. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of $60.00 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum. The royalty rate is 18.75% of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 4.6875%. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities." This lease will be located on land that is jointly owned between the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-quarter undivided interest.
Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 30-040
Agricultural Lease No. G09-1801 in Pittsburg County
Explanation: Agricultural Lease No. G09-1801 is for grazing purposes on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, described as:
That part of the S/2 NE/4 lying West of McAlester Watershed Road and that part of the NE/4 SE/4 lying West of McAlester Watershed Road and North of paved road all in Section 26; and that part of the W/2 E/2 SW/4 lying West of Watershed Road; that part of the S/2 SE/4 SW/4 lying East and South of Watershed Road; that part of the S/2 S/2 SE/4 lying South and West of Watershed Road, all in Section 23; and the NE/4 NW/4; NW/4 NE/4; all that part of the NE/4 NE/4 lying West of Watershed Road; all that part of the N/2 N/2 SW/4 NE/4 of Section 26, all in Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, less and except the SE/4 SE/4 NW/4 NE/4 and the SW/4 SW/4 NE/4 NE/4 in Section 26 containing 253 acres, more or less.
Said lease is in favor of Larry Winters, 2299 Old Hwy 69, McAlester, Oklahoma 74501. The annual lease amount is $2,016.00 per annum for the term of the lease, which is $734.00 below the appraised value according to the OST-OAS Standard Appraisal Review Report. During the term of the lease the Choctaw Nation will receive $1,512.00 (3/4 share) per annum and the Chickasaw Nation will receive $504.00 (1/4 share) per annum. Lessee will provide weed and brush control at an estimated value of $2,400.00 per annum and rebuild 1/10 mile of fence on the west, south, and east boundaries of the tract at a value of $400.00.
Property Location: Pittsburg County
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
No votes: Tim Colbert

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